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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

PROMESA Title III

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

SUMMARY SHEET TO THIRTEENTH
INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF PROSKAUER
ROSE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO
RICO, AS TITLE III REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEBTOR, THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO, FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

## Schedule 1 Summary of Fees and Expenses Paid to Date and the Balance of Fees and Expenses for which Allowance and Payment is Requested for the Compensation Period

Name of Applicant:	Proskauer Rose LLP ("Proskauer")
Retained to Provide Professional Services to:	The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico as Title III Representative of the Debtor Pursuant to PROMESA Section 315(b)
Period for Which Compensation is Sought:	June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (the "Compensation Period")
Amount of Fees Sought for the Compensation Period:	\$20,889,331.30
Gross-Up Amount: <sup>2</sup>	
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought for the Compensation Period:	\$1,312,554.66
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for the Compensation Period:	\$22,201,885.96

This is a(n)	Monthly	X	Interim	Final Fee A	Apı	plication

This is the Thirteenth interim fee application filed by Proskauer in the Debtor's Title III Case. The total time expended in connection with the preparation of this interim application is not included herein, as additional time was expended after the Compensation Period.

Previously, Proskauer has requested approval, as part of its fees and expenses, of the amount required to gross up the additional tax withholding (the "Gross-Up Amount") introduced by the Commonwealth legislation (Act 257–2018) starting December 10, 2018 (the "Withholding"). Proskauer would only request payment of the Gross-Up Amount from the Debtor if and when Proskauer partners receive a determination or objection from the Internal Revenue Service that the Withholding does not result in tax credits offsetting the Gross-Up Amount. Based on the registration of Proskauer's Engagement Letter together with discussions with the Puerto Rico government, Proskauer believes it will not need a Gross-Up Amount for its fiscal year that commenced November 1, 2020, and is not currently requesting its approval.

## Thirteenth Interim Compensation Period June 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Statement and Date Served	Period Covered	Total Fees Incurred	Fees Requested (90%)	Expenses Requested	Fees Paid (90%)	Expenses Paid
<b>Fifty-First</b> 7/28/2021	6/1/21 to 6/30/21	\$4,802,647.80	\$4,322,383.02	\$216,349.60	\$4,322,383.02	\$216,349.60
Fifty-First (Puerto Rico) <sup>3</sup> 7/28/2021	6/1/21 to 6/30/21	\$37,617.30	\$33,855.57	\$0.00	\$33,855.57	\$0.00
Fifty-Second 8/20/2021	7/1/21 to 7/31/21	\$4,997,430.60	\$4,497,687.54	\$428,828.81	\$4,497,687.54	\$428,828.81
Fifty-Second (Puerto Rico) 8/20/2021	7/1/21 to 7/31/21	\$1,876.60	\$1,688.94	\$0.00	\$1,688.94	\$0.00
Fifty-Third 9/15/2021	8/1/21 to 8/31/21	\$5,226,089.20	\$4,703,480.28	\$334,008.54	\$4,703,480.28	\$334,008.54
<b>Fifty-Fourth</b> 10/4/2021	9/1/21 to 9/30/21	\$5,753,894.40	\$5,178,504.96	\$333,367.71	\$5,178,504.96	\$333,367.71
Fifty-Fourth (Puerto Rico) 10/4/2021	9/1/21 to 9/30/21	\$69,775.40	\$62,797.86	\$0.00	\$62,797.86	\$0.00
	<b>Totals:</b>	\$20,889,331.30	\$18,800,398.17	\$1,312,554.66	\$18,800,398.17	\$1,312,554.66

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For purposes of assisting AAFAF and the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury in calculating any applicable withholding taxes for services rendered by Proskauer timekeepers while physically present in Puerto Rico, Proskauer maintains separate monthly fee statements for any such services.

Additional information required pursuant to the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee:

Blended Rate in This Application for All Attorneys:	\$840.22 <sup>4</sup>
Blended Rate in This Application for All Timekeepers:	\$768.30
Compensation Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Compensation Statements but Not Yet Allowed:	\$18,800,398.17
Expenses Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Compensation Statements but Not Yet Allowed:	\$1,312,554.66
Number of Professionals Included in this Application: <sup>5</sup>	126
Number of Professionals in This Application NOT Included in Staffing Plan Approved by Client: <sup>6</sup>	N/A
If Applicable, the Difference Between Fees Budgeted and Compensation Sought for This Application Period:	N/A
Number of Professionals Billing Fewer than 15 Hours to the Case During This Application Period:	29
Any Rates Higher than Those Approved or Disclosed when Retained? If yes, calculate and disclose the total compensation sought in this Application using the rates originally disclosed at retention.	No. Proskauer's November 25, 2016 engagement letter with the Oversight Board (the "Engagement Letter") provides that Proskauer's rates increase each year "on January 1 by the lower of the percentage rate increase we announce, and four percent." (Engagement Letter at 1–2). Pursuant to the Engagement Letter, Proskauer's rates increased 4% effective January 1, 2021, yielding a new flat rate for attorneys (partners, senior counsel,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This rate excludes non-attorneys (e.g., paralegals) and includes e-discovery attorneys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As used herein, the term "professionals" includes all timekeepers. The term "paraprofessionals," as used in this Application, only includes non-attorneys.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As noted in the Staffing Plan for the Compensation Period at Exhibit D-2 of the Application, the number of timekeepers expected to work on this matter during the Compensation Period was 135, and thus the actual number of timekeepers was 9 fewer than anticipated.

and associates) of \$853 per hour, for ediscovery attorneys of \$421 per hour, and for paraprofessionals of \$291 per hour. Proskauer gave notice of this rate increase by filing its Engagement Letter on the ECF system and providing a sworn certification, attached to Proskauer's Tenth Interim Application as Exhibit A [Case No. 17-3283, ECF No. 16143].
Rates have not increased during the Compensation Period.
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Summary of Professional Services Rendered by
Timekeeper for the Period June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL (in alphabetical order)	DEPARTMENT AND YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE <sup>7</sup>	HOURS BILLED	FEES BILLED
PARTNERS				
Barak, Ehud	BSGR&B <sup>8</sup> –2010	\$853	817.60	\$697,412.80
Bienenstock, Martin J.	BSGR&B -1978	\$853	742.90	\$633,693.70
Brenner, Guy	Labor & Employment - 2002	\$853	402.60	\$343,417.80
Cantone, Robert A.	Corporate – 1978	\$853	2.30	\$1,961.90
Casazza, Kyle A.	Litigation – 2007	\$853	2.60	\$2,217.80
Cooper, Scott P.	Litigation – 1981	\$853	374.00	\$319,022.00
Corn, Richard M.	Tax - 2005	\$853	50.20	\$42,820.60
Dale, Margaret A.	Litigation – 1990	\$853	579.30	\$494,142.90
Faust, Scott A.	Labor & Employment – 1985	\$853	8.20	\$6,994.60
Febus, Chantel L.	Litigation – 2003	\$853	545.20	\$465,055.60
Firestein, Michael A.	Litigation – 1983	\$853	815.70	\$695,792.10
Garnett, Karen J.	Corporate – 1990	\$853	52.60	\$44,867.80
Gerkis, James P.	Corporate – 1984	\$853	72.00	\$61,416.00

In the ordinary course of business, the standard hourly billing rates for Proskauer professionals and paraprofessionals are adjusted annually as of the commencement of the firm's fiscal year on November 1 to reflect economic and other conditions and apply to matters in and out of bankruptcy cases. Pursuant to the Appendix B Guidelines, "rate increases" "exclude annual 'step increases' historically awarded by the firm in the ordinary course to attorneys throughout the firm due to advancing seniority and promotion." Appendix B Guidelines ¶ B.2.d, n.2. Annual step increases are awarded by Proskauer in the ordinary course throughout the firm on May 1. Proskauer's November 25, 2016 engagement letter with the Oversight Board (the "Engagement Letter") provides that Proskauer's rates are increased on January 1 (rather than on November 1) by the lower of the percentage rate increase announced as of November 1 and four percent. As of January 1, 2021, the rate increase is 4%, yielding a new flat rate for attorneys (partners, senior counsel, associates, and lawyers) of \$853 per hour, for e-discovery attorneys of \$421 per hour, and for paraprofessionals of \$291 per hour. Rates have not increased during this Compensation Period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Business Solutions, Governance, Restructuring & Bankruptcy ("BSGR&B").

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL (in alphabetical order)	DEPARTMENT AND YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE <sup>7</sup>	HOURS BILLED	FEES BILLED
Hamburger, Paul M.	Labor & Employment - 1985	\$853	25.60	\$21,836.80
Hamilton, Martin T.	Tax - 2004	\$853	43.00	\$36,679.00
Harris, Mark D.	Litigation – 1992	\$853	301.00	\$256,753.00
Kass, Colin R.	Litigation – 1996	\$853	21.40	\$18,254.20
Komaroff, William C.	Litigation – 1992	\$853	38.60	\$32,925.80
Levitan, Jeffrey W.	BSGR&B – 1983	\$853	687.60	\$586,522.80
Martinez, Carlos E.	Corporate – 1988	\$853	2.10	\$1,791.30
Mervis, Michael T.	Litigation – 1990	\$853	297.80	\$254,023.40
Miller, David S.	Tax – 1991	\$853	0.50	\$426.50
Mungovan, Timothy W.	Litigation – 1994	\$853	842.80	\$718,908.40
Nussbaum, Amanda N.	Tax – 1999	\$853	1.00	\$853.00
Perra, Kevin J.	Litigation – 1995	\$853	29.50	\$25,163.50
Piccirillo, Antonio N.	Corporate – 1996	\$853	82.60	\$70,457.80
Possinger, Paul V.	BSGR&B – 1993	\$853	461.00	\$393,233.00
Ramachandran, Seetha	Litigation – 2001	\$853	6.80	\$5,800.40
Rappaport, Lary Alan	Litigation – 1979	\$853	702.30	\$599,061.90
Richman, Jonathan E.	Litigation – 1984	\$853	101.30	\$86,408.90
Roberts, John E.	Litigation – 2009	\$853	273.10	\$232,954.30
Rosen, Brian S.	BSGR&B – 1983	\$853	1,089.10	\$929,002.30
Rosenthal, Marc E.	Litigation – 1990	\$853	14.90	\$12,709.70
Rosow, Stuart L.	Tax – 1977	\$853	6.10	\$5,203.30
Snell, Dietrich L.	Litigation – 1983	\$853	44.90	\$38,299.70
Triggs, Matthew	Litigation – 1990	\$853	599.70	\$511,544.10
Waxman, Hadassa R.	Litigation – 2001	\$853	410.80	\$350,412.40
Weise, Steven O.	Corporate – 1974	\$853	84.40	\$71,993.20
Total for Partners:			10,633.10	\$9,070,034.30

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SENIOR COUNSEL				
Alonzo, Julia D.	Litigation – 2009	\$853	431.40	\$367,984.20
Roche, Jennifer L.	Litigation – 2007	\$853	423.00	\$360,819.00
<b>Total for Senior Counsel:</b>			854.40	\$728,803.20
ASSOCIATES				
Anderson, James	Litigation – 2015	\$853	171.80	\$146,545.40
Ansanelli, Julia M.	Litigation – 2017	\$853	99.40	\$84,788.20
Blackwell, Brooke H.	BSGR&B – 2018	\$853	159.00	\$135,627.00
Bloch, Aliza H.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	142.60	\$121,637.80
Burroughs, Timothy E.	Litigation – 2020	\$853	264.40	\$225,533.20
Dalsen, William D.	Litigation – 2011	\$853	150.30	\$128,205.90
Deming, Adam L.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	269.80	\$230,139.40
Desatnik, Daniel	BSGR&B – 2018	\$853	197.60	\$168,552.80
DuBosar, Jared M.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	411.30	\$350,838.90
Eggers, Peter J.	Health Care – 2015	\$853	6.80	\$5,800.40
Esses, Joshua A.	BSGR&B – 2017	\$853	332.50	\$283,622.50
Fassuliotis, William G.	Litigation – 2020	\$853	209.30	\$178,532.90
Frankel, Jay	Corporate – 2017	\$853	1.90	\$1,620.70
Gordon, Amy B.	Litigation – 2021	\$853	185.70	\$158,402.10
Gottlieb, Brooke G.	Litigation – 2020	\$853	86.60	\$73,869.80
Griffith, Jessica M.	Litigation – 2021	\$853	61.40	\$52,374.20
Guggenheim, Michael	Litigation – 2021	\$853	56.80	\$48,450.40
Habenicht, Yomarie S.	Tax - 2010	\$853	15.20	\$12,965.60
Hartunian, Joseph S.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	86.90	\$74,125.70
Hong, Yena	Litigation – 2020	\$853	139.60	\$119,078.80
Hughes, Sarah E.	Corporate – 2019	\$853	91.20	\$77,793.60
Jones, Erica T.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	217.30	\$185,356.90

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Kim, Mee R.	Litigation – 2016	\$853	557.80	\$475,803.40
Kowalczyk, Lucas	Litigation – 2017	\$853	209.50	\$178,703.50
Ma, Steve	BSGR&B – 2014	\$853	565.30	\$482,200.90
Markofsky, Lisa B.	Litigation – 2005	\$853	0.20	\$170.60
McGowan, Shannon D.	Litigation – 2020	\$853	566.10	\$482,883.30
Meyer, Tony R.	Tax - 2022	\$853	33.60	\$28,660.80
Miller, Nathaniel J.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	21.20	\$18,083.60
Morris, Matthew J.	Litigation – 2000	\$853	12.10	\$10,321.30
Munkittrick, David A.	Litigation – 2011	\$853	116.50	\$99,374.50
Nam, Seok Whee (Jason)	Corporate – 2020	\$853	1.00	\$853.00
Osaben, Libbie B.	BSGR&B – 2021	\$853	572.20	\$488,086.60
Ovanesian, Michelle M.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	543.10	\$463,264.30
Palmer, Marc C.	Litigation – 2018	\$853	532.00	\$453,796.00
Patel, Krusheeta R.	Corporate – 2020	\$853	4.30	\$3,667.90
Pedram, Shiva	Litigation – 2021	\$853	49.60	\$42,308.80
Perdiza, Andre F.	Corporate – 2015	\$853	35.50	\$30,281.50
Peterson, John A.	BSGR&B – 2017	\$853	534.40	\$455,843.20
Rainwater, Shiloh A.	Litigation – 2017	\$853	311.80	\$265,965.40
Rogoff, Corey I.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	541.70	\$462,070.10
Ruben, Jillian L.	Corporate – 2019	\$853	24.60	\$20,983.80
Samuels, Reut N.	Litigation – 2021	\$853	5.00	\$4,265.00
Sanchez Tavarez, Genesis	Litigation – 2021	\$853	23.20	\$19,789.60
Sazant, Jordan	BSGR&B – 2018	\$853	261.50	\$223,059.50
Silverman, Hannah G.	Litigation – 2021	\$853	4.30	\$3,667.90
Sivitz, Rebecca J.	Labor & Employment - 2012	\$853	7.20	\$6,141.60
Skrzynski, Matthew A.	BSGR&B – 2017	\$853	327.40	\$279,272.20

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Sosa, Javier F.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	204.10	\$174,097.30
Stafford, Laura	Litigation – 2012	\$853	998.80	\$851,976.40
Stevens, Elliot R.	BSGR&B – 2018	\$853	438.40	\$373,955.20
Tarr, Jennifer E.	Litigation – 2011	\$853	19.50	\$16,633.50
Tocicki, Alyson C.	Litigation – 2021	\$853	116.20	\$99,118.60
Victor, Seth H.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	15.70	\$13,392.10
Volin, Megan R.	BSGR&B – 2020	\$853	151.20	\$128,973.60
Wertheim, Eric R.	Litigation – 2019	\$853	14.30	\$12,197.90
Wheat, Michael K.	BSGR&B – 2019	\$853	239.80	\$204,549.40
Wolf, Lucy C.	Litigation – 2017	\$853	25.70	\$21,922.10
<b>Total for Associates:</b>	Total for Associates:			\$9,760,196.60
E-DISCOVERY ATTORN	EYS			
Friedman, Olga	Professional Resources - 2009	\$421	8.30	\$3,494.30
Ike, Yvonne O.	Professional Resources - 2009	\$421	29.10	\$12,251.10
Kay, James	Professional Resources - 1978	\$421	656.80	\$276,512.80
Peterson, Cathleen P.	Professional Resources - 1991	\$421	4.80	\$2,020.80
Total for e-Discovery Atto	orneys:		699.00	\$294,279.00
PARAPROFESSIONALS				
Asnis, Griffin M.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	224.50	\$65,329.50
Chernus, Eric R.	Professional Resources - N/A	\$291	161.90	\$47,112.90
Cohen, Elliot R.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	18.90	\$5,499.90

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Cook, Alexander N.	Corporate Paralegal – N/A	\$291	219.60	\$63,903.60
Cooper, David C.	Corporate Paralegal – N/A	\$291	47.50	\$13,822.50
Cordova-Pedroza, Christian	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	2.10	\$611.10
Dillon, Emma K.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	0.20	\$58.20
Fox, Rachel L.	Professional Resources - N/A	\$291	2.70	\$785.70
Goodell, Catherine	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	11.50	\$3,346.50
Henderson, Laurie A.	Professional Resources - N/A	\$291	3.20	\$931.20
Hoffman, Joan K.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	126.50	\$36,811.50
Klock, Joseph	Professional Resources - N/A	\$291	6.60	\$1,920.60
Lerner, Lela A.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	185.50	\$53,980.50
McCarthy, Julian	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	7.60	\$2,211.60
McPeck, Dennis T.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	515.70	\$150,068.70
Monforte, Angelo	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	342.70	\$99,725.70
Oloumi, Nicole	BSGR&B Paralegal – N/A	\$291	301.40	\$87,707.40
Orr, Lisa P.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	29.00	\$8,439.00
Petrov, Natasha	BSGR&B Paralegal – N/A	\$291	234.40	\$68,210.40
Rosenberg, Leo	BSGR&B Paralegal – N/A	\$291	2.10	\$611.10

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Rubin, Abigail	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	41.70	\$12,134.70
Schaefer, Shealeen E.	Labor & Employment Paralegal – N/A	\$291	696.50	\$202,681.50
Silvestro, Lawrence T.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$291	29.30	\$8,526.30
Singer, Tal J.	BSGR&B Paralegal – N/A	\$291	349.10	\$101,588.10
Totals for Paraprofessionals:			3,560.20	\$1,036,018.20

PROFESSIONALS	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Attorneys and Paraprofessionals Total:	27,188.90	\$20,889,331.30

Summary of Professional Services Rendered by Project
Category for the Period June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

PROJECT CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	FEES SOUGHT
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	338.00	\$288,314.00
202	Legal Research	428.40	\$358,175.40
203	Hearings and Other Non-Filed Communications with the Court	206.80	\$176,400.40
204	Communications with Claimholders	148.50	\$125,490.30
205	Communications with the Commonwealth, its Instrumentalities or Representatives of the Commonwealth or its Instrumentalities	191.50	\$163,349.50
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	3,560.10	\$3,036,765.30
207	Non-Board Court Filings	188.80	\$161,046.40
208	Stay Matters	12.30	\$10,491.90
209	Adversary Proceedings	0.80	\$682.40
210	Analysis and Strategy	7,189.50	\$6,084,000.30
211	Non-Working Travel Time	23.30	\$19,874.90
212	General Administration	3,745.90	\$1,130,369.90
213	Labor, Pension Matters	74.00	\$63,122.00
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statement	6,198.00	\$5,168,655.20
216	Confirmation	3,377.60	\$2,879,408.00
217	Tax	132.00	\$112,596.00
218	Employment and Fee Applications	149.00	\$66,176.20
219	Appeal	1,215.60	\$1,036,906.80
220	Fee Applications for Other Parties	8.80	\$7,506.40
	Total for All Project Categories:	27,188.90	\$20,889,331.30

# Summary of Actual and Necessary Expenses Incurred for the Period June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

EXPENSE CATEGORY	AMOUNT BILLED
Airplane	\$1,180.40
Data Base Search Services	\$3,477.16
Filing and Court Costs	\$2,144.86
HIGHQ Licensing	\$370.00
HIGHQ Support	\$500.00
Lexis/Westlaw	\$369,483.00
Local Delivery	\$63.25
Lodging	\$1,500.00
Messenger/Delivery	\$1,777.67
Out of Town Meals	\$254.86
Out of Town Transportation	\$143.13
Practice Support Vendors	\$548,953.85
Printing, Binding, etc.	\$2,038.15
Reproduction	\$23,106.90
Subpoena Service	\$331.00
Taxi, Carfare, Mileage and Parking	\$331.99
Taxicab/Car Service	\$372.87
Telephone	\$2,450.00
Transcripts & Depositions	\$26,610.50
Translation Service	\$327,465.07
Total:	\$1,312,554.66

## Schedule 5

## **Blended Rate Chart**

CATEGORY OF	BLENDED HOURLY	RATE
TIMEKEEPER	BILLED  Domestic offices in which timekeepers collectively billed at least 10% of the hours to the bankruptcy case during the application period, for preceding year, excluding bankruptcy	BILLED In this fee application <sup>9</sup>
Partners	\$1,302	\$853
Senior Counsel	\$1,104	\$853
Associates (7 or more years since first admission)	\$1,031	\$853
Associates (4–6 years since first admission)	\$952	\$853
Associates (1–3 years since first admission)	\$809	\$853
E-Discovery Attorneys	\$809	\$421
Paraprofessionals	\$336	\$291
All Timekeepers Aggregated:	\$984	\$768.30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See supra note 7.

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PROMESA Title III

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

THIRTEENTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF PROSKAUER ROSE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS TITLE III REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEBTOR, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Proskauer Rose LLP ("<u>Proskauer</u>"), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "<u>Oversight Board</u>" or "<u>FOMB</u>") as Title III representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "<u>Debtor</u>" or "<u>Commonwealth</u>") pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("<u>PROMESA</u>"), hereby submits this thirteenth interim application (the "Application"), pursuant to PROMESA sections

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Application solely pertains to fees and expenses incurred with respect to the Debtor's Title III Case and does not address fees or expenses incurred with respect to other services performed for the Oversight Board (a) on behalf of other Title III debtors, or (b) outside the Title III process.

316 and 317, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"),<sup>4</sup> Rule 2016–1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "Local Rules"), and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the "Guidelines"), and in accordance with this Court's Third Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim and Final Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [ECF No. 20546] <sup>5</sup> (the "Interim Compensation Order"), for (a) allowance of interim compensation for professional services performed by Proskauer for the period commencing June 1, 2021 through and including September 30, 2021 (the "Compensation Period") in the amount of \$20,889,331.30, and (b) reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$1,312,554.66 incurred during the Compensation Period. In support of the Application, Proskauer respectfully avers as follows:

### **Jurisdiction**

- 1. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "Court") has subject matter jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a).
  - 2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a).
- 3. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are PROMESA sections 316 and 317.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Bankruptcy Rules are made applicable to the Debtor's Title III Case by PROMESA section 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Unless otherwise expressly indicated, ECF Numbers refer to the docket of the Commonwealth's Title III Case, Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS.

### **Background**

- 4. On June 30, 2016, the Oversight Board was established under PROMESA section 101(b). On August 31, 2016, President Obama appointed the Oversight Board's first seven voting members.
- 5. Pursuant to PROMESA section 315, "[t]he Oversight Board in a case under this subchapter is the representative of the debtor" and "may take any action necessary on behalf of the debtor to prosecute the case of the debtor, including filing a petition under section [304] of [PROMESA] . . . or otherwise generally submitting filings in relation to the case with the court." PROMESA § 315(a), (b).
- 6. On September 30, 2016, the Oversight Board designated the Debtor as a "covered entity" under PROMESA section 101(d).
- 7. On November 25, 2016, the Oversight Board retained Proskauer at substantial discounts to its normal hourly rates, as shown by the Engagement Letter and by **Schedule 5** above.
- 8. On May 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Commonwealth pursuant to PROMESA section 304(a), commencing a case under Title III thereof (the "Debtor's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the Debtor's representative in the Debtor's Title III Case.
- 9. On December 15, 2017, Proskauer filed the First Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period May 3, 2017 through September 30, 2017 [ECF No. 2068] (the "First Interim Application").

- 10. On April 9, 2018, Proskauer filed the Second Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period October 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 [ECF No. 2868] (the "Second Interim Application").
- 11. On July 16, 2018, Proskauer filed the *Third Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018* [ECF No. 3588] (the "Third Interim Application").
- 12. On November 16, 2018, Proskauer filed the Fourth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period June 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 [ECF No. 4280] (the "Fourth Interim Application").
- 13. On May 21, 2019, Proskauer filed the Fifth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period October 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 [ECF No. 7045] (the "Fifth Interim Application").
- 14. On September 20, 2019, Proskauer filed the Sixth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as

Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period February 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 [ECF No. 8734] (the "Sixth Interim Application").

- 15. On December 20, 2019, Proskauer filed the Seventh Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 [ECF No. 9624] (the "Seventh Interim Application").
- 16. On April 15, 2020, Proskauer filed the Eighth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period October 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 and Notice of Deferral of Request for Payment of Rate Increase [ECF No. 12831] (the "Eighth Interim Application").
- 17. On September 18, 2020, Proskauer filed the Ninth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 [ECF No. 14348] (the "Ninth Interim Application").
- 18. On March 19, 2021, Proskauer filed the Tenth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period June 1, 2020 through September

- 30, 2020 and Notice of Annual Rate Adjustment Provided in Original Engagement Letter [ECF No. 16143] (the "Tenth Interim Application").
- 19. On July 29, 2021, Proskauer filed the Eleventh Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period October 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 [ECF No. 17587] (the "Eleventh Interim Application").
- 20. On January 5, 2022, Proskauer filed the Twelfth Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the Period February 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021 [ECF No. 19689] (the "Twelfth Interim Application").
- 21. On July 28, 2021 Proskauer served on the Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order) its fifty-first monthly fee statement for the period June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. On August 20, 2021, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties its fifty-second monthly fee statement for the period July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021. On September 15, 2021, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties its fifty-third monthly fee statement for the period August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. On October 4, 2021, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties its fifty-fourth monthly fee statement for the period September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.
- 22. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order and as reflected in the foregoing summary, Proskauer has requested an aggregate payment of \$20,112.952.83 (payment of approximately ninety percent (90%) of the compensation sought and reimbursement of one-

hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred) and has received \$20,112.952.83 with respect to fee statements filed during the Compensation Period.

## Summary of Services Rendered by Proskauer During the Compensation Period

- 23. The instant Application is Proskauer's Thirteenth application for interim compensation in the Debtor's Title III Case. To make the review of Proskauer's fee applications in all the pending Title III cases more efficient for the Court and other readers, paragraphs 24 through 27 of the instant Application, the corresponding paragraphs in each of Proskauer's Thirteenth interim fee applications in the pending ERS, HTA, and PREPA Title III cases, and paragraphs 18 through 21 in the Sixth interim fee application in the pending PBA Title III case, are identical and cover the principal activities in all the Title III cases.
- 24. During the Compensation Period, Puerto Rico entered a new chapter in its restructuring with the approval of the disclosure statement for the Commonwealth, ERS, and PBA's plan of adjustment, paving the way for confirmation of the plan of adjustment and a path forward to economic recovery and growth. The plan of adjustment for the Commonwealth, ERS, and PBA was confirmed in January 2022 following an extensive hearing in November 2021, and went effective on March 15, 2022. The overwhelmingly consensual nature of the restructuring was the product of extraordinary efforts by all the Oversight Board's advisors, including Proskauer. The confirmed plan reduces Puerto Rico's debt by 80% and saves Puerto Rico more than \$50 billion in debt payments. The services rendered by Proskauer were also essential to significant progress in PREPA and HTA's Title III cases, and during the Compensation Period Proskauer engaged with the parties to those cases to advance PREPA and HTA's restructurings. The continuing coronavirus pandemic affecting Puerto Rico and the global economy during this Compensation Period imposed additional economic and administrative challenges to the Commonwealth and its covered

instrumentalities. The Oversight Board remained focused on protecting the health and welfare of the people of Puerto Rico, while ensuring that critical businesses remained open to provide for the needs of the citizens of the Island. The Oversight Board continued developing strategies for reducing the negative impact of the pandemic on the Island's economy and worked collaboratively with the Puerto Rico Government and its agencies to effectively utilize the federal funding intended to provide relief and to cover the expenses related to the pandemic. Proskauer continued to provide legal and strategic advice to the Oversight Board to help carry out its priority of protecting the health, safety, and economic welfare of the people of Puerto Rico. Among others, Proskauer's notable undertakings during this Compensation Period included:

Further Development of the Amended Joint Plan and Disclosure Statement. On November 20, 2020, the Oversight Board approved the resumption of negotiations concerning the plan of adjustment with creditors and other parties pursuant to the mediation agreement, with mediation sessions resuming during the first week of December 2020. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board and under the guidance of the Mediation Team led by the Honorable Judge Barbara J. Houser, participated in multiple mediation sessions and informal meetings with the Commonwealth, AAFAF, the parties to the Plan Support Agreement (the "PSA"), certain insurers and holders of bonds issued by various Puerto Rico entities (Assured Guaranty Corporation, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corporation (both together, "Assured"), Ambac Assurance Corporation ("Ambac"), and Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC", and together with Assured and Ambac, collectively, the "Monolines"), the Unsecured Creditors' Committee (the "UCC"), the Retiree Committee, AmeriNational Community Services, LLC and Cantor-Katz Collateral Monitor LLC (the "DRA Parties"), and various unions with the goal of developing and establishing a framework and a timeline for consensual debt restructuring.

On June 29, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed the proposed Fourth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al. (Corrected Version) [ECF No. 17194] and related proposed Disclosure Statement [ECF No. 17192], reflecting revisions made by the Debtors in response to various objections received to the Third Amended Plan and Disclosure Statement, On July 12, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed the proposed Fifth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al. [ECF No. 17306], and related proposed disclosure statement (as amended from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") [ECF No. 17308], incorporating the terms of a settlement with the UCC that increased the guaranteed aggregate recovery

to holders of certain general unsecured claims and a prospective agreement with certain teachers' unions.

At an initial hearing to consider approval of the Disclosure Statement on July 14, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, announced that the Board had reached an understanding with Ambac and FGIC regarding the treatment of certain claims, and the hearing was continued. On July 27, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed the proposed Sixth Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al. [ECF No. 17516] and related proposed Disclosure Statement [ECF No. 17517], incorporating the terms of a new plan support agreement with Ambac and FGIC that settled their asserted claims against the Commonwealth and the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financial Authority, and reflecting revisions made by the Debtors in response to, among other things, the Order Regarding Rulings Made on the Record at the July 13-14, 2021, Hearing Concerning the Proposed Disclosure Statement and Plan of Adjustment [ECF No. 17387].

On July 29, 2021, the Court held the continued disclosure statement hearing to consider, among other things, the adequacy of the information contained in the Disclosure Statement for the Sixth Amended Plan. Subject certain modifications to be made, the Title III Court approved the proposed Disclosure Statement. On July 30, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed the proposed Seventh Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al. [ECF No. 17627] (the "Plan") and related proposed Disclosure Statement [ECF No. 17628]. On August 2, 2021, the Court issued Order (I) Approving Disclosure Statement, (II) Fixing Voting Record Date, (III) Approving Confirmation Hearing Notice and Confirmation Schedule, (IV) Approving Solicitation Packages and Distribution Procedures, (V) Approving Forms of Ballots, and Voting and Election Procedures, (VI) Approving Notice of Non-Voting Status, (VII) Fixing Voting, Election, and Confirmation Deadlines, and (VIII) Approving Vote Tabulation Procedures [ECF No. 17639].

• Confirmation Related Discovery. On July 20, 2021, the Title III Court issued the Order Establishing Preliminary Confirmation Submission and Discovery Procedures, and Directing Notice to Creditors of the Same [ECF No. 17431], and on August 2, 2021, the Title III Court issued the Order Establishing Procedures and Deadlines Concerning Objections to Confirmation and Discovery in Connection Therewith [ECF No. 17640], which identified the procedures and deadlines for creditors to obtain access to the confirmation data repository, disclose their proposed fact and expert witnesses, submit confirmation related expert reports and disclosures, and otherwise conduct Plan related discovery.

During the Compensation Period, Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals devoted significant time and effort to discovery related to the anticipated confirmation hearing on the proposed Plan. They analyzed a variety of legal and procedural issues related to Plan related discovery, collected and reviewed numerous

documents for responsiveness and privilege in preparation for production, opposed and responded to multiple discovery requests by creditors and committees, conferred with and analyzed various data from the Oversight Board's advisors and experts, and prepared for and participated in numerous meet-and-confer communications and depositions of fact and expert witnesses. They also filed numerous status reports to the Title III Court on the progress of discovery and defended the Oversight Board's position in discovery disputes in the Title III Court.

Proskauer professionals also worked diligently with Prime Clerk LLC and Liquid Litigation Management to finalize the setup of the confirmation data hosting repository, upload plan confirmation related documents to the repository, and provide safe and secure access to documents and technical assistance in English and Spanish languages to the repository users.

Ambac Pension Related Claim Objection. On June 3, 2021, Ambac filed the Objection of Ambac Assurance Corporation, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, to Claim Asserted by the Official Committee of Retired Employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Appointed in the Commonwealth's Title III Case [ECF No. 16884], seeking to disallow the proof of claim filed by the Retiree Committee to the extent it overstated pension liabilities. On June 11, 2021, Ambac filed its urgent motion proposing a briefing schedule with respect to its claim objection. On June 17, 2021, Proskauer submitted the Response of Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico to Ambac Assurance Corporation's Urgent Motion for Briefing Schedule with Respect to the Objection of Ambac Assurance Corporation, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, to Claim Asserted by the Official Committee of Retired Employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Appointed in the Commonwealth's Title III Case [ECF No. 17069], arguing that Ambac's claim objection should be terminated for lack of standing and that the treatment of pension claims under the proposed Plan was not based on the Retiree Committee's claim. On June 21, 2021, Ambac filed its reply in support of its scheduling motion. On June 21, 2021, the UCC filed its statement supporting the issues raised in Ambac's claim objection. On June 22, 2021, the Title III Court entered an order denying both Ambac's claim objection and the scheduling motion without prejudice and ordering the parties to meet-and-confer to develop an appropriate schedule for litigation and discovery on issues concerning the quantification of pension-related claims in connection with the anticipated confirmation of the Plan [ECF No. 17140]. The parties met and conferred telephonically on June 29, 2021 and exchanged further communications, filing a joint status report on July 7, 2021 proposing their alternative discovery schedules. On July 15, 2021, pursuant to separate joinders, Ambac and FGIC joined the HTA/CCDA related plan support agreement. On July 27, 2021, the Oversight Board, on behalf of the Commonwealth, and Ambac and FGIC entered into the PRIFA related plan support agreement and, pursuant to separate joinders, Ambac and FGIC joined the amended and restated plan support agreement related to general obligation bonds. As a result of Ambac's entry into the plan support agreements, matters related to Ambac's disputes were stayed pending confirmation of the Plan.

Certified Fiscal Plans and Compliance with PROMESA. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer continued to advise the Oversight Board in its statutory duty to review proposed Commonwealth fiscal plans and to develop and certify budgets for fiscal year 2022. In consultation with the Government and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF"), the Oversight Board certified several fiscal year 2022 budgets, including the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and Federal Fund Budgets for the Commonwealth, PREPA, HTA, the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, the University of Puerto Rico, COFINA, the Puerto Rico Industrial Company, the Public Corporation for Supervision and Insurance of Cooperatives of Puerto Rico, and the Municipal Revenues Collection Center, as announced at a public meeting on July 1, 2021.

Proskauer attorneys supported the Oversight Board in its commitment to ensuring the Government's compliance with PROMESA in proposing, enacting, implementing, and enforcing legislation. Specifically, during the Compensation Period, Proskauer continued to work diligently with the Oversight Board in relation to the Board's efforts to nullify the enactment of House Bill 120 ("HB 120") as significantly inconsistent with the certified fiscal plans and likely to impair or defeat PROMESA's purposes. As proposed, HB 120 established a no-cuts policy to certain pensions, mandated a transfer of \$4.5 billion to the newly created pension trust, and directed the Government to repudiate any plan of adjustment that required pension or budget cuts. HB 120 would have had negative effect on the restructuring of the Commonwealth and would have derailed the Oversight Board's efforts to confirm the proposed plan of adjustment. After the Puerto Rico Governor signed HB 120 into law as Act 7-2021 ("Act 7") on June 9, 2021, Proskauer advised the Oversight Board in drafting demand letters to the Governor to request nullification of the Act in its entirety, and subsequently, on July 2, 2021, filed an adversary proceeding on behalf of the Oversight Board against the Governor, AAFAF, the Honorable José Luis Dalmau Santiago (the "Senate President"), and the Honorable Rafael Hernández Montañez (the "House Speaker") to enjoin the enforcement of and to nullify Act 7, FOMB v. Pierluisi Adv. Proc. No. 21-0072. On August 13, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed a motion for summary judgment, which was subsequently fully briefed. Several Puerto Rico unions filed amicus briefs in support of the Government. On October 13, 2021, the Title III Court granted the Oversight Board's motion for summary judgment in part, and declared Act 7 nullified, unenforceable, and of no effect, and enjoined the Government from implementing and enforcing the Act.

Proskauer also advised the Oversight Board on its communications and negotiations with the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature in its efforts to prevent the enactment of House Bills 886 and 887 ("HB 886" and "HB 887") and House Bills 26 and 27 ("HB 26" and "HB 27"), proposed by the Government in response to the Act 7 related litigation. Among other measures, the Bills purported to impose a rejection of pension cuts across all instrumentalities of the Commonwealth Government contrary to the requirements of the certified Fiscal Plans and in violation of PROMESA.

LUMA Energy Contract. On October 26, 2020, Unión De Trabajadores de la Industria Eléctrica y Riego ("<u>UTIER</u>") and Sistema de Retiro de los Empleados de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica ("<u>SREAEE</u>") appealed the Title III Court decision granting the Government Parties' motion to allow an administrative expense claim for any accrued and unpaid front-end transition obligations incurred by PREPA under the June 22, 2020 Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement (the "<u>O&M Agreement</u>") between PREPA, the Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnerships Authority, and LUMA Energy, LLC and LUMA Energy SevCo, LLC ("collectively, "<u>LUMA Energy</u>"). The case was fully briefed and was argued on June 8, 2021. On August 12, 2021, the judgment of the Title III Court was affirmed.<sup>6</sup>

On May 3, 2021, the Title III Court granted the Government Parties' motion requesting that the Title III Court allow an administrative expense claim for amounts to be paid to LUMA Energy by PREPA during the interim period under certain agreements. UTIER and SREAEE appealed to the First Circuit on May 13, 2021 (Case No. 21-1446). On July 17, 2021, the appellants filed a motion to hold the appeal in abeyance until a decision was issued in the related case No. 20-2041, and on September 1, 2021, after the First Circuit affirmed the Title III Court decision in the related case, filed a motion to voluntary dismiss the case.

On June 2, 2021 Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, reported to the Title III Court that the Interim Period Service Commencement Date under the O&M Agreement occurred on June 1, 2021 and LUMA Energy commenced operating and maintaining PREPA's transmission and distribution system.<sup>8</sup>

Litigation regarding the validity of the LUMA O&M Agreement remains ongoing in the adversary proceedings filed by UTIER and SREAEE.<sup>9</sup>

On June 4, 2021, SREAEE filed its first amended adversary complaint and UTIER filed its second amended adversary complaint, both seeking a Title III Court order declaring the O&M Agreement and LUMA Energy's administrative expense priority treatment in the Title III case null and void, and Act 29-2009, authorizing the O&M Agreement, unconstitutional. On July 19, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, joined other defendants in their motions to dismiss SREAEE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Opinion, UTIER v. PREPA, Case No. 20-2041 (1st Cir. Aug. 12, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Memorandum Order Granting Government Parties' Motion for Order Allowing Administrative Expense Claim for Amounts to Be Paid to LUMA Energy by PREPA During Interim Period Under Supplemental Agreement and the T&D Contract [ECF No. 16665].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Informative Motion Regarding LUMA's Commencement of Operation and Maintenance of PREPA's T&D System [Case No. 17-4780, ECF No. 2503].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Adv. Pro. Nos. 21-00041 and 21-00049.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See First Amended Adversary Complaint [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0049; ECF No. 7] and Second Amended Adversary Complaint [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0041; ECF No. 64].

and UTIER's amended complaints. The motions have been fully briefed and both are currently *sub judice*.

On June 1, 2021, Hon. José Luis Dalmau Santiago, the Puerto Rico Senate President, filed a complaint in the Puerto Rico Court of First Instance in San Juan, alleging that the O&M Agreement had not been recorded with the Puerto Rico Digital Real Estate Registry and therefore was in violation of Puerto Rico law and should be declared null and void. <sup>11</sup> The complaint also sought to prohibit LUMA Energy from exercising authority under the O&M Agreement and to return the administration and management of the transmission and distribution system back to PREPA. On June 3, 2021, the Executive Director of PREPA removed the Senate complaint to the Title III Court as adversary proceeding No. 21-0059. On June 24, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed a motion to compel the plaintiff to withdraw the complaint as violating the automatic stay. The motion was fully briefed and on February 7, 2022, the Title III Court granted the motion and declared the complaint null and void. On February 15, 2022, in accordance with the Court's order, the Senate complaint was withdrawn.<sup>12</sup>

• DRA Related Disputes. On March 31, 2021, AmeriNational Community Services, LLC, as servicer for the GDB Debt Recovery Authority (the "DRA"), and Cantor-Katz Collateral Monitor LLC, as the collateral monitor for Wilmington Trust, N.A., (collectively, the "DRA Parties"), filed The DRA Parties' Amended Motion and Memorandum of Law in Support of Their Request for Adequate Protection or Relief from the Automatic Stay, seeking a Title III Court order granting the DRA adequate protection of its interest in certain HTA related excise tax revenues [ECF No. 16276]. On April 21, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, joined other Government Parties in their objection to the DRA Parties' standing to seek relief from the automatic stay or adequate protection. Proskauer defended the Oversight Board's position at oral argument on the standing issue on August 4, 2021. The Court overruled the Government Parties' standing objection as it related to the adequate protection, and deferred consideration of the standing objection as to relief from the automatic stay, pending further clarification of the nature and scope of the stay relief that the DRA Parties sought [ECF No. 17725].

On June 15, 2021, the DRA Parties filed *The DRA Parties' Motion for Allowance of an Administrative Expense Claim* [ECF No. 17009] (the "<u>DRA Administrative Expense Claim Motion</u>"), seeking a Title III Court order allowing an administrative expense claim equal to the amount of the DRA's collateral that was retained by the Commonwealth during the pendency of its Title III case. On June 26, 2021, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Senado de Puerto Rico, Represented by its President, Hon. José Luis Dalmau Santiago v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Civil Case No. 2021CV03356.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Debtor's Memorandum of Law and Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and 362 for Order Directing Complaint To Be Withdrawn [Case No. 17-4780; ECF No. 2530]; Memorandum Order Granting Debtor's Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(A) and 362 for Order Directing Complaint To Be Withdrawn [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0059; ECF No. 20], and Motion in Compliance with Order [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0059; ECF No. 22].

DRA Parties initiated a related adversary proceeding *AmeriNational Community Services*, *LLC v. Ambac Assurance Corporation*, Adv. Proc. No. 21-0068 (the "<u>DRA Adversary Proceeding</u>"). On July 16, 2021, the Title III Court ordered the DRA Parties and the Oversight Board, together with other parties, to meet and confer and to file a joint status report concerning when and in what procedural context the DRA Parties' challenges were to be presented to the Court.

On July 23, 2021, the parties submitted a joint status report in accordance with the Court's order, and on September 9, 2021, Proskauer filed the Oversight Board's opposition to the DRA Administrative Expense Claim Motion [ECF No. 18065]. On September 24, 2021, the DRA Parties filed their reply memorandum in support of the Motion, attaching an expert report by Lizette Martinez, CPA, CFF, CFE. On September 28, 2021, Proskauer filed an evidentiary objection to the Martinez expert report and on October 11, 2021, Proskauer filed a related reply in support of the evidentiary objection. On October 29, 2021, the Title III Court denied the DRA Administrative Expense Claim Motion [ECF No. 18892].

On July 28, 2021, Proskauer filed the *Urgent Motion of Financial Oversight and Management Board for Leave to Intervene as Defendant, on Behalf of Commonwealth and HTA, in DRA Adversary Proceeding with Respect to Counts I, II, and IV of Complaint, with Full Party Rights [ECF No. 17551; Adv. Proc. No. 21-0068, ECF No. 26]*, which was granted on August 11, 2021. On August 26, 2021, Proskauer submitted the intervening defendant Oversight Board's motion to dismiss, or in the alternative, to stay counts I, II and IV of the DRA Parties' complaint [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0068, ECF No. 40], and on October 8, 2021, the related reply in support. On October 29, 2021, the Title III Court granted the Monolines' motion to dismiss the DRA Adversary Proceeding, rendering the Oversight Board's motion to dismiss moot [Adv. Proc. No. 21-0068, ECF No. 83].

- 25. Throughout the Compensation Period, Proskauer continued its defense of the Title III Debtors' interests by analyzing and objecting to duplicative, incorrectly filed, and otherwise deficient or invalid claims against the Debtors, negotiating and participating in meet-and-confer communications with claimants to achieve the best possible outcome for the Debtors. Among the major claims-related matters in which Proskauer represented the Title III Debtors during the Compensation Period are the following:
  - <u>Claim Objections</u>. In connection with proofs of claim filed against the Debtors, <sup>13</sup> Proskauer filed a total of 60 omnibus objections between June 1, 2021 and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Pursuant to the Bar Date Orders [Case No. 17-BK-3283, ECF Nos. 2521, 3160, 12260, and 13403], approximately 188,814 proofs of claim have been filed against the Debtors and logged by Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, formerly known as Prime Clerk, LLC.

September 30, 2021. Proskauer professionals dedicated a significant amount of time and effort to the careful review and analysis of the filed claims and preparing omnibus objections to those claims, as well as reviewing multiple responses and preparing replies in support of the objections. Due to COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions, including the inability of the Court to hold in-person hearings, the Debtors were unable to prosecute certain pending omnibus objections to claims and Proskauer worked with the Title III Court to adjourn the hearings on omnibus claim objections.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR"). To promote the timely and cost-effective resolution of claims, Proskauer, on behalf of the Debtors, requested that the Title III Court approve amended procedures for alternative dispute resolution (the "ADR Procedures"). On April 1, 2020, the final ADR Procedures were approved by the Court. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer filed its Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Notices of Transfer of Claims to Alternative Dispute Resolution [ECF Nos. 17208, 17832, and 18259], transferring 40 additional claims to the ADR process. On behalf of the Debtors, Proskauer professionals prepared offer letters to the claimants listed in the ADR Notices. Proskauer also filed its Sixth and Seventh Alternative Dispute Resolution Status Notices [ECF Nos. 17267 and 17997], providing an update to the Court regarding the status of the claims transferred into the ADR process.
- Administrative Reconciliation of Claims ("ACR"). To further facilitate the efficient and cost-effective resolution of the claims, Proskauer, on behalf of the Debtors, submitted to the Court that certain types of claims, such as claims for pension or retiree benefits, tax refunds, salaries and benefits owed to public employees, and union grievances, should remain within the auspices of the Debtors' administrative processes. The Court approved proposed ACR Procedures on March 12, 2020. 15 During the Compensation Period, Proskauer filed its *Thirteenth* through *Seventeenth* Notices of Transfer of Claims to Administrative Claims Reconciliation [ECF Nos. 16926, 17128, 17212, 17320, and 17968], transferring over 12,700 additional claims into Administrative Claims Reconciliation. On August 3, 2021, Proskauer filed the Sixth Administrative Claim Reconciliation Status Notice [ECF No. 17659], and on October 1, 2021, the Seventh Administrative Claim Reconciliation Status Notice [ECF No. 18363], providing an update to the Court regarding the status of the claims transferred into the ACR Procedures pursuant to the ACR transfer notices and reporting that in total, over 23,680 of ACR transferred claims had been successfully resolved by the end of the Compensation Period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Order (A) Authorizing Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, (B) Approving Additional Forms of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief [ECF No. 12576].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Order (A) Authorizing Administrative Reconciliation of Claims, (B) Approving Additional Form of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief [ECF No. 12274].

26. <u>First Circuit and Supreme Court Appeals</u>. During this Compensation Period, Proskauer defended a number of significant matters before the appellate courts, obtaining several critical judgments on behalf of the Oversight Board as the Title III representative of the Debtors. Some of the appellate matters where Proskauer attorneys represented the Oversight Board included:

### • <u>U.S. Supreme Court Certiorari Petition</u>:

(1) <u>UECFSE v. Commonwealth, Case No. 20-1466 (U.S.)</u>. On April 16, 2021, two unions representing public employees, UECFSE and UMCFSE, filed a petition for a writ of certiorari appealing the First Circuit judgment affirming the Title III Court's dismissal of their complaint against the Oversight Board alleging that certain laws impermissibly interfered with their collective bargaining rights. <sup>16</sup> Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, opposed the petition on August 2, 2021, and on October 4, 2021 the petition for writ of certiorari was denied.

## • First Circuit Appeals:

(1) Assured v. FOMB, Case No. 20-1847 (the "Section 926 Appeal"). On August 25, 2020, the Monolines appealed the Title III Court orders denying their motion for appointment of a trustee under section 926 of the Bankruptcy Code to pursue their claims on behalf of HTA against the Commonwealth and their request for a related bridge order.<sup>17</sup> On February 17, 2021, the Monolines filed their appellants' brief. The DRA Parties intervened in support of the Monolines on April 12, 2021. On behalf of the Oversight Board, Proskauer submitted a responsive brief on April 19, 2021. AAFAF submitted its response on the same date. The appellants requested that they be allowed to file their final form briefs on May 26, 2021, and that request was granted. After the appellants' final form opening and reply briefs were tendered, Proskauer filed a final form reply on June 6, 2021 and AAFAF on June 8, 2021. The matter was fully briefed. Two of the Monolines, Assured and National, reached an agreement with the Oversight Board in spring of 2021 with respect to their clams. In July of 2021, the remaining Monolines, Ambac and FGIC, reached the agreement with the Board, and on July 29, 2021, the Monolines filed their motion to voluntary dismiss their appeal. The motion was granted on July 30, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See October 28, 2020, Judgment and Opinion, Case Nos. 19-2028 (1st Cir.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Order Denying Urgent Motion for Bridge Order, and Motion for Appointment as Trustees Under 11 U.S.C. § 926, of Ambac Assurance Corporation, Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation [ECF No. 13825; Case No. 17-3567, ECF No. 889] and Memorandum Opinion and Order Denying Motion for Appointment as Trustees Under 11 U.S.C. § 926, of Ambac Assurance Corporation, Assured Guaranty Corp., Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation [ECF No. 14012; Case No. 17-3567, ECF No. 912].

- (2) <u>UTIER v. PREPA</u>, Case No. 20-2041. On October 26, 2020, UTIER and SREAEE appealed the Title III Court decision granting the Government Parties' motion to allow an administrative expense claim for any accrued and unpaid front-end transition obligations incurred by PREPA under the T&D Contract (the "<u>LUMA Initial Administrative Expense Motion</u>"). UTIER and SREAEE filed their opening appellate brief on February 15, 2021, and Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed an opposition on April 20, 2021. Proskauer attorneys defended the Board's position at the oral argument on June 8, 2021. On August 12, 2021, the judgment of the Title III Court was affirmed.
- (3) <u>Pierluisi v. FOMB, Case No. 21-1071</u>. On January 21, 2021, the Government appealed the Title III Court's orders denying its motion for summary judgment, granting in part the Oversight Board's summary judgment motion, and enjoining the Government from implementing and enforcing Acts 82, 138, 176, 181, and 47. On April 19, 2021, the appellants Governor Pierluisi and AAFAF filed their opening brief, which was re-filed on May 7, 2021 to conform with the rules of the Court. On June 16, 2021, the House Speaker submitted his amicus curiae brief in support of the reversal of the challenged judgment. On July 7, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed its responsive brief. The appellants replied on July 28, 2021, and on August 11, 2021, Proskauer submitted the Oversight Board's sur-reply. On September 15, 2021, Proskauer attorneys defended the Board's position at oral argument. On June 22, 2022, First Circuit affirmed the Title III Court decision.
- (4) Pinto Lugo v. Government of the United States of America, Case No. 21-1283. On April 27, 2021, an individual plaintiff René Pinto-Lugo and certain non-profit corporations and labor unions appealed from the Title III Court opinion dismissing their underlying second complaint for lack of Article III standing and deeming futile their request to re-plead. On August 18, 2021, the appellants submitted their opening brief, which was re-filed on October 13, 2021 to conform with the rules of the Court. On January 7, 2022, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, submitted its responsive appellate brief.
- (5) <u>Johnson v. FOMB, Case No. 21-1611</u>. On August 27, 2021, individual creditor Obe Johnson, appearing *pro se*, appealed the Title III Court orders denying his multiple motions for relief from the automatic stay.<sup>20</sup> Mr. Johnson subsequently filed with the First Circuit two motions to lift the automatic stay and a motion for permission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Opinion and Order Denying the Government's Motions for Summary Judgment and Granting in Part the Oversight Board's Motions for Summary Judgment; Order to Show Cause Regarding Dismissal of Remaining Claims and Counterclaims; Order Dismissing Remaining Counts and Counterclaims and Directing Entry of Judgment in the Above-Captioned Adversary Proceedings, and Judgment [Adv. Proc. Nos. 20-0080, 20-0082 – 0085].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Memorandum Order Overruling Objections and Adopting Report and Recommendations [Adv. Proc. No.18-0041; ECF No. 124].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Memorandum Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Obe E. Johnson's Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (Docket Entry No. 12772, Order Denying Obe E. Johnson's Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (Docket Entry No. 13510), Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Obe E. Johnson's Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (Docket Entry No. 16942) [ECF Nos. 13316, 13599, and 17184].

to appeal *in forma pauperis*. On behalf of the Oversight Board, Proskauer filed its opposition to the appellant's first lift stay motion on October 4, 2021, and its opposition to the *in forma pauperis* request and the second lift stay motion on November 29, 2021. On August 22, 2022, First Circuit affirmed the Title III Court's decision.

- 27. In addition to the above, Proskauer has represented the Oversight Board and Title III Debtors in numerous adversary proceedings and other contested matters brought by the Debtors' bondholders and the Monolines, the Puerto Rico Government and its agencies, creditors, and other parties. The following is a summary of major litigation matters in which Proskauer served as lead counsel for the Title III Debtors during this Compensation Period:
  - PREPA RSA and Plan of Adjustment. On May 22, 2020, the Title III Court confirmed the indefinite adjournment of the PREPA 9019 Motion deadlines [Case No. 17-4780, ECF No. 2006]. As mandated by the Court, on July 11, 2021, the Government Parties submitted their joint status report apprising the Court of the conditions on the Island, the ongoing evaluation of the PREPA RSA in light of the changing economic landscape, and proposed next steps with respect to the further development and implementation of the PREPA RSA [Case No. 17-4780, ECF No. 2544]. The Government Parties, including the Oversight Board, continued evaluating whether any amendments were necessary in light of COVID-19 and the unsettled economic and political landscape on the Island. The Oversight Board continued to meet and negotiate with representatives for certain bondholders that are party to the RSA and with the Puerto Rico Government and legislative leaders regarding outstanding issues in connection with the implementation of the RSA, required legislative amendments, and PREPA's Title III restructuring. Ultimately, the Legislature failed to enact the legislation the RSA depended on and the Governor terminated the RSA.
  - PREPA PPOA Rejection and Assumption Motions. In line with PREPA's goal of supplying reliable electric power to ratepayers in Puerto Rico at the lowest cost possible, and to better align this objective with the PREPA certified fiscal plan, in 2017 the Oversight Board implemented a contract review policy for certain power purchase and operating agreements ("PPOAs") with renewable energy project developers. On August 2, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed two Notices of Assumption of Power Purchase Operating Agreement requesting the Title III Court to enter an order approving assumption of the renewable power purchase operating agreements with Ciro One Salinas, LLC and Xzerta Tec Solar I LLC [Case No. 17-4780; ECF Nos. 2577 and 2578]. On August 10, 2021, Windmar Renewable Energy, Inc. ("Windmar") objected to the Notices. On September 29, 2021, Proskauer submitted its reply in support of PREPA's assumption of the PPOAs, and on October 6, 2021, Proskauer attorneys defended PREPA's position at oral argument. At the hearing, the Title III Court delivered an oral ruling allowing

- PREPA to assume the PPOAs at issue, and that assumption was memorialized on December 8, 2021.<sup>21</sup>
- Catesby Jones v. PREPA, Adv. Proc. No. 20-0115. On September 19, 2020, a declaratory judgment action was brought against the Special Claims Committee and UCC as PREPA co-trustees by certain electricity ratepayers in Puerto Rico (the "Ratepayers") seeking an order finding that the claims asserted by PREPA in SCC v. Inspectorate America Corp., Adv. Proc. No. 19-0388, are not the assets of PREPA's estate, that the certified class of ratepayers in Ismael Marrero Rolon v. Autoridad de Energia Electrica, No. 3:15-cv-01167-JAG (D.P.R.) are the appropriate holders of those claims, and granting relief from the automatic stay to permit the Ratepayers to pursue their direct claims against PREPA in the Ismael Marrero Rolon case. On February 2, 2021 plaintiffs filed their second amended complaint. On behalf of PREPA, on March 30, 2021 Proskauer moved to dismiss counts I and II of the second amended complaint and defended the Debtor's position at the omnibus hearing on June 16, 2021. On June 24, 2021 the motion to dismiss counts I and II was granted by the Title III Court.
- UTIER v. PREPA, Adv. Proc. No. 17-0229 (the "UTIER CBA Adversary Proceeding"). On March 12, 2021, UTIER filed its third amended complaint in the adversary action against PREPA, the Oversight Board, and individual executive defendants, alleging in its surviving claims that certain Puerto Rico laws negatively affected the UTIER collective bargaining agreement in violation of the Contract Clauses of the United States and Puerto Rico Constitutions. On April 26, 2021, Proskauer answered the complaint on behalf of the Oversight Board, and on the same date, jointly with counsel for the individual defendants, filed the amended motion to dismiss UTIER's third amended complaint. On April 26, 2021, UTIER filed four motions in limine to exclude the expert testimony offered by the defendants. On June 1, 2021, Proskauer, jointly with counsel for individual executive defendants, filed the joint motion for summary judgment. On July 2, 2021, UTIER filed its own amended motion for summary judgment. On July 19, 2021, Proskauer filed PREPA's reply in support of the amended motion to dismiss, which the individual defendants joined. On September 10, 2021, Proskauer filed the Oversight Board's opposition to the four motions in limine. The same day, Proskauer, together with counsel for individual executive defendants, filed defendants' opposition to UTIER's summary judgment and, and on December 8, 2021, the joint defendants' reply in support of their motion for summary judgment. On February 4, 2022, the Title III Court granted the PREPA's and individual defendants' motion and dismissed the surviving claims in UTIER's third amended complaint against them with no further leave to amend.<sup>22</sup> On March 3, 2022, UTIER appealed the Title III

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See Amended Memorandum Opinion Regarding Notices of Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority for Entry of an Order Approving PREPA to Assume Certain Power Purchase and Operating Agreements and Amended Order Approving PREPA's Assumption of Power Purchase Agreements [Case 17-4780; ECF Nos. 2666 and 2667].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See Memorandum Opinion and Order Granting PREPA's and Individual Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Third Amended Adversary Complaint Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) [Adv. Proc. No. 17-0299; ECF No. 218].

- Court decision. On September 20, 2022, the Title III Court granted the Defendants' motion for summary judgment and closed the adversary proceeding.
- La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico v. FOMB, Adv. Proc. No. 21-0026 (the "La Liga Adversary Proceeding"). On March 14, 2021, a not-for-profit organization of Puerto Rico Mayors from various municipalities (La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico or "La Liga") commenced an adversary action against the Oversight Board, among others, seeking a Title III Court order prohibiting collection of funds from the municipalities for the time period allegedly exempted by Law 29, enjoining the Board from interfering with fiduciary duties owed by AAFAF and CRIM to the municipalities, and declaring nonexistent the municipalities' debts to CRIM, ASES and Puerto Rico Retirement System. On May 14, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, filed a motion to dismiss the La Liga complaint and on July 14, 2021, the reply in support of the motion. The Oversight Board's motion, together with motions to dismiss filed by other parties, was granted by the Title III Court on January 4, 2022, and on January 18, 2022, La Liga filed its Notice of Appeal with the First Circuit. La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico v. FOMB, Case No. 22-1062 (1st Cir.).
- R&D Master Enterprises, Inc. v. FOMB, Case No. 21-cv-01317-RAM (D.P.R.). On July 8, 2021, three Puerto Rico private corporations and two private citizens filed a complaint in the District Court of Puerto seeking an order requiring the Oversight Board to evaluate the loan sale agreement under which their loans had been transferred from The Economic Development Bank for Puerto Rico (the "BDE") to private entity PR Recovery and Development JV, LLC. On July 27, 2021, Proskauer, on behalf of the Oversight Board, and Natalie Jaresko as its Executive Director, moved to transfer the R&D Master Enterprises dispute to the pending Title III case of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. On August 6, 2021, plaintiffs opposed the transfer and Proskauer filed the reply in support on August 17, 2021. The transfer was denied on October 25, 2021. On September 3, 2021, Proskauer filed the Oversight Board's and Natalie Jaresko's motion to dismiss plaintiffs' complaint for lack of jurisdiction. On September 15, 2021, the plaintiffs responded in opposition to dismissal and on September 29, 2021, Proskauer filed the reply in support. On February 14, 2022, a group of private citizens and clients of the BDE filed a motion to intervene in the R&D Master Enterprises dispute. On February 25, 2022, Proskauer filed the Oversight Board's and Natalie Jaresko's opposition to the putative intervenors' motion.
- 28. As part of Proskauer's involvement in the above matters, Proskauer (a) prepared and filed numerous pleadings and briefs in litigation matters; (b) participated in and prepared for hearings; (c) researched jurisprudence regarding legal and factual issues, including bankruptcy and U.S. Constitutional issues; and (d) performed a myriad of other professional services as described in this Application and reflected in **Schedule 3** and **Exhibit B**.

- 29. By this Application, Proskauer seeks an allowance, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, of (a) \$20,889,331.30, as compensation for professional services rendered, and (b) \$1,312,554.66 as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in connection with such professional services. Notably, the Application reflects aggregate voluntary reductions made during the Compensation Period to Proskauer's requests for compensation and for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$34,503.30 and \$10,021.56, respectively, on top of the sizeable discount embedded in its Engagement Letter with the Oversight Board, in which it fixed hourly rates at levels providing in the Compensation Period up to 53% discounts on the hourly rates of its most senior partners.
- 30. Proskauer maintains computerized records of the time spent by all Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals in connection with the firm's representation of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. Subject to reduction where necessary to preserve mediation confidentiality, copies of the computerized records for the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 31. Proskauer's budget and staffing plan for the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- 32. Proskauer's summary of itemized time records for professionals and paraprofessionals performing services for the Oversight Board with respect to the Debtor during the Compensation Period is set forth on **Schedule 2**. The professional services performed by Proskauer on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period required an aggregate expenditure of 11,487.50 recorded hours by Proskauer's partners and senior counsel; 11,442.20 recorded hours by associates; 699.00 recorded hours by e-discovery attorneys; and 3,560.20 recorded hours by paraprofessionals. As required by

the Guidelines, <u>Exhibit C</u> to this Application shows, for each Project Category (as defined below), a list of professionals who performed services in each Project Category and the aggregate recorded hours each professional incurred. In accordance with Guidelines paragraph C.3, Proskauer's blended hourly rates are disclosed in <u>Schedules 1</u> and <u>5</u>. The fees charged by Proskauer, as set forth in <u>Schedule 2</u>, are in accordance with the firm's existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Compensation Period, as revised to reflect Proskauer's arrangement with the Oversight Board. The standard rates Proskauer charges for the services rendered by its professionals and paraprofessionals in these Title III cases have been reduced to reflect the unique circumstances of PROMESA and the position of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, its instrumentalities, and its residents. <u>Schedules 2</u> and <u>5</u> show the rates Proskauer charges on an hourly basis are below the competitive market rates for bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters charged by the other professionals representing the Commonwealth and statutory committees. No Proskauer rates are increased as a result of the geographic location of a bankruptcy case (or a Title III case).

33. All entries itemized in Proskauer's time records comply with the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, including, without limitation, (a) the utilization of project categories (each a "Project Category"), (b) a description of each activity or service that each individual performed, and (c) the number of hours (in increments of one-tenth of an hour) spent by each individual providing the services. Each Project Category is organized in accordance with Guidelines paragraph C.8.b. If a Project Category does not appear in a particular application, Proskauer did not bill time or expenses for that Project Category during the Compensation Period, but may bill time for that Project Category in the future. In addition, only Project Categories for which Proskauer billed more than 10 hours during the Compensation Period are summarized in the

Application. Project Categories for which Proskauer billed less than 10 hours are included in

#### Exhibit B.

#### Applicant Statement In Compliance with Appendix B Guidelines Paragraph C.5

34. The following answers are provided in response to the questions set forth in Guidelines paragraph C.5:

**Question**: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or

customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please

explain.

Response: No.

**Question**: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted

for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or

more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: The total fees sought in this Application did not exceed the total budgeted

fees for the Compensation Period (the fees sought in this Application are

7.1% below the budgeted fees).

Question: Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their

hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

**Question**: Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or revising

time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for

preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No, the Application does not include time or fees related to reviewing time

records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices in connection with the

preparation of monthly fee statements.

Question: Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to

redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please

quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No time was spent redacting time records on account of privilege concerns.

However, the Application does include time related to reviewing time records to redact certain time entries pursuant to Court-ordered mediation confidentiality. Proskauer paraprofessionals expended 21.50 hours and billed \$6,256.50 for redacting mediation related entries in Proskauer's monthly fee statements related to Proskauer's Eleventh and Twelfth interim

fee application.

**Question**: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did your

client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with

ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11–458?

Response: Yes. Proskauer's Engagement Letter with the Oversight Board provides that Proskauer's rates increase each year "on January 1 by the lower of the

percentage rate increase we announce, and four percent." (Engagement Letter at 1–2). Pursuant to the Engagement Letter, Proskauer's rates increased 4% effective January 1, 2021, yielding a new flat rate for attorneys (partners, senior counsel, and associates) of \$853 per hour, for e-discovery attorneys of \$421 per hour, and for paraprofessionals of \$291 per hour.

Rates have not increased during this Compensation Period.

#### **Gross-Up Amount**

- 35. Prior to December 10, 2018, Puerto Rico taxed Proskauer's fees differently depending on whether Proskauer's timekeepers performed work while physically present in Puerto Rico or off-island. Specifically, a 7% withholding tax was assessed (at time of payment) on fees derived from work performed while the timekeeper was physically present in Puerto Rico, but not on fees derived from work performed outside of Puerto Rico.
- 36. On December 10, 2018, Puerto Rico enacted Act 257–2018, amending the Puerto Rico tax code and eliminating the differences in tax treatment based on where work was performed. Under Act 257–2018, all Proskauer fees incurred on or after December 10, 2018—regardless of the timekeepers' physical location—are assessed with a 10% withholding tax at the time of payment.
- 37. For certain periods prior to Proskauer's fiscal year beginning November 1, 2020, Proskauer requested approval of Gross-Up Amounts which it would request payment of if it did not receive federal tax credits offsetting the withholding tax. Proskauer is not requesting such approval for periods subsequent to October 31, 2020 based on the registration of its Engagement Letter and understandings with the Commonwealth government. In prior Fee Applications, Proskauer requested approval for periods prior to October 2020. If it becomes necessary to request approval

of a Gross-Up Amount for October 2020 or subsequent Compensation Periods, Proskauer will make that application at a subsequent time.

#### Professionals Billing Fewer Than Five Hours per Month

38. The following chart indicates, solely with respect to the Debtor's Title III Case, (a) professionals who billed fewer than five hours per month, (b) the months for which fewer than five hours were billed by the professional, and (c) an explanation of why the use of such professional was reasonable and necessary. As a general matter, because of the size and complexity of the Debtor's Title III Case, it was reasonable and necessary to consult with professionals with specific practice area expertise to assist Proskauer's core restructuring professionals in providing the Debtor with necessary and beneficial professional services. Moreover, it was often necessary to consult with professionals more familiar with other aspects of the restructuring of Puerto Rico and with specific adversary proceedings to deal with global strategic issues and ensure that positions taken by the Oversight Board are consistent across all the Title III cases. Furthermore, occasionally the urgency of certain briefing schedules required pulling in professionals from different work streams to assist on time-sensitive matters.<sup>23</sup>

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Cantone, Robert A.	August	Mr. Cantone is a partner in Proskauer's corporate department who advised on issues related to applicability of federal securities laws for proposed amendments to the plan of adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Many of the professionals listed below have billed substantially more time on other matters related to Proskauer's representation of the Oversight Board, including matters within and outside of PROMESA Title III. Many of these professionals have also billed substantially more time on matters related to Proskauer's representation of the Oversight Board during prior Compensation Periods.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Casazza, Kyle	June	Mr. Casazza is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on drafting the Oversight Board's complaint requesting injunctive relief related to Act 7.
Cohen, Elliot R.	July	Mr. Cohen is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Cordova-Pedroza, Christian	June	Mr. Cordova-Pedroza is a paralegal in Proskauer's labor & employment department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Corn, Richard M.	August	Mr. Corn is a partner in Proskauer's tax department who advised on various tax related issues in connection with drafting proposed amendments to the plan of adjustment.
Deming, Adam L.	June	Mr. Deming is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with proofs of claim management and reconciliation.
Dillon, Emma K.	June	Ms. Dillon is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Fox, Rachel L.	July, September	Ms. Fox is an e-discovery project coordinator at Proskauer who assisted with various document review and production issues.
Frankel, Jay	June	Mr. Frankel is an associate in Proskauer's corporate department who assisted with review of documents for posting to the plan confirmation data repository.
Friedman, Olga	June, July, September	Ms. Friedman is an e-discovery staff attorney at Proskauer who advised on a variety of plan confirmation data repository related issues.
Garnett, Karen J.	June	Ms. Garnett is a partner in Proskauer's corporate department who analyzed the Monolines' comments and advised on drafting and revising the disclosure statement for the proposed amended plan of adjustment.
Habenicht, Yomarie S.	June, July	Ms. Habenicht is an associate in Proskauer's tax department who advised on a variety of tax related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment and disclosure statement.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Hamburger, Paul M.	June	Mr. Hamburger is a partner in Proskauer's labor & employment department who advised on pensions and benefits related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment.
Henderson, Laurie A.	June – September	Ms. Henderson is a docketing administrator in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with docket research and electronic filing.
Ike, Yvonne O.	June, July	Ms. Ike is an e-discovery staff attorney at Proskauer who advised on various document review related issues.
Kass, Colin	July	Mr. Kass is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy across multiple adversary proceedings.
Klock, Joseph	June – September	Mr. Klock is an e-discovery project coordinator at Proskauer who assisted with various document review and production issues.
Komaroff, William C.	August	Mr. Komaroff is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy across multiple adversary proceedings.
Markofsky, Lisa	July	Ms. Markofsky is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy in revenue bonds related proceedings.
Martinez, Carlos E.	June	Mr. Martinez is a partner in Proskauer's corporate department who advised on claims analysis for the Debtor's omnibus objections to claims.
Meyer, Tony R.	September	Mr. Meyer is an associate in Proskauer's tax department who assisted with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment and disclosure statement.
Miller, David S.	August	Mr. Miller is a partner in Proskauer's tax department who advised on tax related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment and disclosure statement.
Nam, Seok Whee (Jason)	June	Mr. Nam is an associate in Proskauer's corporate department who assisted with drafting the disclosure statement for the amended plan of adjustment.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Nussbaum, Amanda H.	June, August	Ms. Nussbaum is a partner in Proskauer's tax department who advised on tax related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment and disclosure statement.
Orr, Lisa P.	June, August	Ms. Orr is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Patel, Krusheeta R.	August	Ms. Patel is an associate in Proskauer's corporate department who assisted with research on insurance related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment.
Perra, Kevin J.	September	Mr. Perra is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on further developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy in relation to the anticipated plan of adjustment confirmation hearing.
Peterson, Cathleen P.	June, July, September	Ms. Peterson is a senior consultant of e-discovery services at Proskauer who assisted with setting up and utilizing the plan confirmation data repository.
Ramachandran, Seetha	June – September	Ms. Ramachandran is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on a wide variety of issues further developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy across multiple proceedings.
Rosenberg, Leo A.	June	Mr. Rosenberg is a paralegal in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Rosow, Stuart L.	August	Mr. Rosow is a partner in Proskauer's tax department who advised on tax related issues in connection with drafting amendments to the proposed plan of adjustment and disclosure statement.
Rubin, Abigail G.	July	Ms. Rubin is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Rosenthal, Marc E.	July – September	Mr. Rosenthal is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on a variety of insurance related issues in connection with further developing the Debtor's litigation and appellate strategy.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Samuels, Reut N.	June, July	Ms. Samuels is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with the review and analysis of the Monolines' document production in connection with the Rule 2004 discovery.
Silverman, Hannah G.	July	Ms. Silverman is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with document review in connection with the anticipated plan of adjustment confirmation hearing.
Silvestro, Lawrence T.	July	Mr. Silvestro is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various case management related tasks.
Snell, Dietrich L.	June, July	Mr. Snell is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on a variety of issues further developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy across multiple proceedings.
Tarr, Jennifer E.	August	Ms. Tarr is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with analysis of pleadings and developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy in the Pinto Lugo Appeal.
Victor, Seth H.	July	Mr. Victor is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with drafting litigation updates for the disclosure statement for the amended plan of adjustment.
Wertheim, Eric	June, August	Mr. Wertheim is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with a variety of plan of adjustment related discovery issues.
Wolf, Lucy	July	Ms. Wolf is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with drafting the disclosure statement for the amended plan of adjustment.

### **Summary Description of Professional Services**

39. The following is a brief narrative summary, listed by Project Category, of the professional services rendered by Proskauer during the Compensation Period. Only Project Categories for which Proskauer billed more than 10 hours during the Compensation Period are

summarized below. Project Categories for which Proskauer billed less than 10 hours during the Compensation Period are listed in **Exhibit B**.

# I. <u>Matter Nos. 33260.0002 (PROMESA Title III: Commonwealth) and 33260.0024 (PROMESA Title III: Commonwealth – Puerto Rico)</u>

- 40. These matter numbers covers time spent relating to the core Commonwealth Title III case, including, for example, time spent regarding mediation, fiscal plan issues, and work on disclosure statements and plans of adjustment. To assist AAFAF and the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury in calculating any applicable withholding taxes for services rendered by Proskauer timekeepers while physically present in Puerto Rico, Proskauer maintains separate matter numbers and monthly fee statements for any such services.
  - (a) <u>Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants</u> (Project Category 201)

(Fees: \$219,306.30; Hours: 257.10)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$6,568.10; Hours: 7.70)

(Aggregate Fees: \$225,874.40; Aggregate Hours: 264.80)

- 41. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Oversight Board and its representatives, agents, and consultants, as well as preparing for and advising on public meetings, litigation, and related issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Participating in meetings and discussions with the Oversight Board and its other advisors regarding the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities and analyzing and evaluating the measures undertaken by the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature in response to the crisis;
  - Communicating with the Oversight Board and its other advisors and experts regarding the Commonwealth's restructuring options, negotiations and settlements with creditors related to the Debtors' proposed amended plan of adjustment and the confirmation process, attending the Oversight Board's executive sessions with select Board advisors to discuss strategy for the upcoming plan of adjustment confirmation hearing, their roles in the upcoming confirmation process, and the Board's strategy for negotiations with the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature with respect to the proposed plan of adjustment and various plan implementation issues;
  - Communicating with the Oversight Board and participating in the Board's strategy sessions to discuss and analyze matters related to various proposed budget amendments and reprogrammings, including compliance with the FY2021 certified

budget and review and approval of the FY2022 budget, the impact of FEMA funding on the proposed budgets, certain revisions to the Board's reprogramming policy and to the previously adopted budget resolutions and certifications, and certain activities of the Puerto Rico Legislature with respect to the budget and reprogramming;

- At the request of the Oversight Board, preparing for and attending the Oversight Board's public meetings, reviewing and revising related demonstrative materials and press releases, and assisting with the Oversight Board's responses to public comments and media inquiries during the public meetings and related press conferences; and
- Preparing for and participating in weekly strategy calls with the Oversight Board
  and its other advisors regarding the status of the Debtor's Title III Case, attending
  monthly Board strategy sessions, preparing daily litigation updates for the Oversight
  Board, developing further litigation and mediation strategy in the Debtor's Title III
  Case, and drafting related status reports at the request of the Title III Court.
- (b) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u> (Fees: \$103,705.50; Hours: 128.10)
- 42. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Analyzing and researching a variety of issues in preparation for the disclosure statement hearing and the plan of adjustment confirmation hearing, including, among others, classification and dischargeability of claims, creditors' standing to file claim objections, analyzing relevant legislation in connection with the cash accounts analysis, various courts' consideration of chapter 11 issues presented in chapter 9 cases, researching and analyzing the Commonwealth's laws inconsistent with and therefore preempted by PROMESA, conducting research related to specific objections filed by various parties to the Debtors' Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures Motion, Confirmation Procedures Motion, and proposed plan of adjustment, and formulating the Oversight Board's responses to public assertions concerning its proposed plan of adjustment; and
  - Researching and analyzing a wide variety of issues in connection with Court-ordered mediation and plan of adjustment related negotiations.

- (c) <u>Hearings and Other Non-Filed Communications with the Court (Project Category 203)</u> (Fees: \$176,400.40; Hours: 206.80)
- 43. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Court and reviewing the Court's communications and procedures. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Communicating with the Court regarding rules and requirements, scheduling, and procedural matters;
  - Communicating with the Court regarding omnibus hearing dates and omnibus hearing agendas and informative motions;
  - Preparing for and participating in omnibus hearings and hearings in adversary proceedings;
  - Preparing for and participating in the Disclosure Statement Hearing on July 13-14, 2021, the continued Disclosure Statement Hearing on July 29, 2021, and the August 4, 2021 omnibus hearing;
  - Attending portions of the Disclosure Statement Hearings to ensure familiarity with
    the arguments made in order to assist those participating in the hearings with
    promptly preparing rebuttal arguments, and to expeditiously draft further revisions
    and amendments to the proposed solicitation and confirmation procedures and to the
    disclosure statement accurately reflecting the Title III Court's comments and
    directions at the hearings; and
  - Reviewing and analyzing transcripts of court hearings.
  - (d) Communications with Claimholders (Project Category 204)

(Fees: \$91,285.00; Hours: 108.40)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$19,192.50; Hours: 22.50)

(Aggregate Fees: \$110,477.50; Aggregate Hours: 130.90)

- 44. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Debtor's various claimholders. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Communicating with the Oversight Board's claims management and reconciliation consultant Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC ("<u>A&M</u>") on a variety of issues related to claims management, analysis, and reconciliation;
  - Conducting analysis of various claims filed against the Debtors, drafting additional omnibus objections to claims, reviewing, analyzing, and tracking claimants' responses to the Debtors' omnibus objections, drafting replies in support of omnibus objections, and revising replies based on further information from A&M;

- Drafting multiple meet-and-confer letters and emails to claimholders and their counsel and responding to information requests from individual claimholders;
- Drafting numerous ADR offers to claimants, reviewing and analyzing claimants' responses to the offers, and drafting and revising ADR and ACR notices and settlement letters;
- Preparing for and participating in meet-and-confer and mediation sessions with various claimholders and the UCC, analyzing settlement proposals, and drafting stipulations withdrawing objections to certain claims;
- Communicating and negotiating with counsel for claimholders, the UCC, the Puerto Rico Government, and the Retiree Committee concerning pension-related claims; and
- Communicating with counsel for various claimholders and the UCC on discovery related issues, conducting factual research, and drafting the Oversight Board's responses to claims related discovery requests.
- (e) Communications with the Commonwealth, its Instrumentalities, or Representatives of the Commonwealth or its Instrumentalities (Project Category 205)
  (Fees: \$46,915.00; Hours: 55.00)
- 45. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Debtor's representatives in various Title III related matters, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Conferring with other advisors to the Oversight Board and advising on the Board's response to a letter from certain members of the U.S. Congress concerning financial transfers from the Commonwealth to Puerto Rico municipalities;
  - Advising the Oversight Board on its communications with the Puerto Rico Government regarding its request for extension of time to submit a proposed budget for the Board's review, and the Oversight Board's position regarding the role of the Puerto Rico Legislature in the reprogramming process;
  - Analyzing and advising the Oversight Board on its multiple communications with the Puerto Rico Government, AAFAF, and the Puerto Rico Legislature regarding various plan of adjustment related issues, and on the schedule for revisions to the fiscal plan proposed by the Governor and Legislature;
  - Preparing for the Oversight Board's meetings with the Puerto Rico Governor and the leaders of the Puerto Rico Legislature on budget development and plan of adjustment related issues;
  - Advising the Oversight Board and drafting communications and notices of violation to various governmental entities related to Board certified budgets; and

- Communicating with counsel for AAFAF and the Governor on confirmation discovery related issues.
- (f) Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)

(Fees: \$828,518.90; Hours: 971.30)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$255.90; Hours: 0.30)

(Aggregate Fees: \$828,774.80; Aggregate Hours: 971.60)

- 46. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Conducting research and analysis, evaluating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and drafting the Oversight Board's status reports to the Title III Court on the condition of the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities, activities of the Oversight Board, and the status of the amended plan of adjustment and disclosure statement;
  - Tracking notices of intent to participate in confirmation related discovery, conducting analysis, and drafting notices of correspondence to the Title III Court regarding creditors' notices of intent received by Proskauer;
  - Conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's opposition to the motions by Ambac, FGIC, and the UCC to compel disclosure statement related discovery from the Board, reviewing and analyzing disclosure statement related discovery requests and deposition notices, and drafting related responses and objections;
  - Drafting witness and exhibit lists in preparation to the upcoming confirmation hearing;
  - Designating certain claims for the ACR and ADR processes, and drafting notices of transfer of claims to ADR and ACR and related ADR and ACR status reports to the Title III Court;
  - Conducting research and analysis and drafting motions and objections related to claims, including the Oversight Board's opposition to the wage group litigation claimants' motion to reconsider the Title III Court order classifying their claims as unsecured general claims;
  - Conducting research and analysis and drafting oppositions, motions, notices, and other pleadings related to various matters not specifically covered by other Project Categories; and
  - Drafting omnibus hearing agendas and informative motions as directed by the Court, and multiple pleadings related to scheduling and extensions of deadlines.

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(g) Non-Board Court Filings (Project Category 207)

(Fees: <u>\$69,519.50</u>; Hours: <u>81.50</u>)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$938.30; Hours: 1.10)

(Aggregate Fees: \$70,457.80; Aggregate Hours: 82.60)

47. This Project Category includes time spent reviewing and commenting on proposed

Court orders and filings made by other parties in the Debtor's Title III Case, to the extent not

expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

reviewing and analyzing various filings by other parties and related Court orders entered in the

Debtor's Title III Case, including among others, various parties' objections to the Debtors'

Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures Motion and Confirmation Procedures Motion,

motions to compel discovery in connection with the Debtors' amended plan of adjustment and

disclosure statement and related Title III Court orders, objections to the Debtors' proposed amended

plan of adjustment and proposed confirmation procedures and schedule, and status reports and

informative motions filed by various parties in preparation for omnibus hearings and hearings on

approval of the disclosure statement and on confirmation of the Debtors' plan of adjustment.

(h) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210)

(Fees: \$3,846,581.30; Hours: 4,566.50)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$33,096.40; Hours: 38.80)

(Aggregate Fees: \$3,879,677.70; Aggregate Hours: 4,605.30)

48. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and strategic

approach to, the Debtor's Title III Case and various issues relating thereto, including (a) meetings

to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams, and next steps; (b) all

Proskauer internal meetings, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category; and

(c) preparing for and participating in discovery, and preparing for and attending depositions.

Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing a wide variety of reports,

memoranda, financial analyses, press releases, pleadings, and court orders, drafting and updating

tasks and issues lists, preparing for and participating in weekly Proskauer internal litigation calls

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on further developing litigation, appellate, and discovery strategy and on litigation and appellate issues pending in these complex and time sensitive Title III cases, preparing for and participating in weekly Proskauer internal restructuring calls on further development of the Debtors' plan of adjustment, drafting internal memoranda to Proskauer litigation and restructuring teams, and preparing for and attending depositions in the revenue bonds adversary proceedings and in connection with the proposed plan of adjustment. Among other things, Proskauer attorneys spent time on legal analysis and strategic discussions relating to: (i) litigation related to approval of the disclosure statement and confirmation of the amended plan of adjustment; (ii) upcoming Court filings, including status reports related to discovery, scheduling, and various litigation matters; (iii) discovery-related issues and strategy in connection with the amended plan of adjustment and disclosure statement and with various litigation matters; (iv) claims reconciliation and objections; and (v) matters related to Court-ordered mediation.

- (i) Non-Working Travel Time (Project Category 211) (Fees: \$19,874.90; Hours: 23.30)
- 49. This Project Category includes time spent traveling on behalf of the Oversight Board and the Debtor, during which no billable work is performed. Fees in this Project Category are billed at fifty percent (50%) through a reduction in the number of hours billed in Proskauer's monthly fee statements.
  - (j) General Administration (Project Category 212) (Fees: \$1,034,339.90; Hours: 3,415.90)
- 50. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities, including maintaining the case calendar; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team, the Debtor, and other parties in interest. Specifically,

Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals spent time, at the request of the Oversight Board, reviewing and analyzing a wide variety of pleadings, court orders, and litigation and appellate dockets, drafting and updating charts of litigation and discovery deadlines, reviewing, analyzing, and compiling materials for court hearings and Proskauer internal meetings, analyzing written discovery materials and maintaining document production indexes, communicating with e-discovery vendors on a wide variety of document collection, processing, and related issues, and addressing matters related to the ACR and ADR claims processes.

- (k) <u>Labor, Pension Matters (Project Category 213)</u> (Fees: \$49,985.80; Hours: 58.60)
- 51. This Project Category includes time spent addressing the Debtor's employee and retiree benefits issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conferring with the Oversight Board and its other advisors on a variety of pension and benefits related issues, reviewing and analyzing the pension reform proposals made by the Puerto Rico Legislature, analyzing comments and proposals by the Retiree Committee on the amended plan, disclosure statement and confirmation procedures, reviewing and analyzing Ambac's challenge to the pension related claim asserted by the Retiree Committee and drafting the Oversight Board's response seeking to terminate Ambac's claim objection and, at the Title III Court's direction, preparing relevant portions of the related joint status report stating the Oversight Board's position that any discovery or litigation concerning quantification of pension-related claims should proceed in accordance with the plan confirmation schedule as approved by the Title III Court, communicating with counsel for teachers' unions, the Puerto Rico Treasury, and the Puerto Rico Department of Education regarding pension issues in connection with the proposed plan of adjustment, and drafting the Oversight Board's proposals for legislation related to Social Security coverage for teachers and judges.

(l) Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statement (Project Category 215)

(Fees: \$5,138,117.80; Hours: 6,162.20)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$25,248.80; Hours: 29.60)

(Aggregate Fees: \$5,163,366.60; Aggregate Hours: 6,191.80)

52. This Project Category includes time spent on issues related to the terms of the Debtor's proposed Title III plan of adjustment and disclosure statement. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:

- Conferring with the Oversight Board and its other advisors and experts, reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' financial documents, evaluating and further developing the plan of adjustment and plan support agreement strategy, and drafting the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth amended plans of adjustment addressing the comments and proposals by AAFAF, the UCC, the Retiree Committee, the Monolines, U.S. Bank, bondholders, underwriters, the DRA Parties, eminent domain claimants, health centers, dairy producers, the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature, and individual creditors, consistent with the Title III Court's related orders and oral directions, updating and revising the related disclosure statement, and negotiating and amending plan support agreements;
- Analyzing issues raised by various parties in their objections to the proposed disclosure statement, conducting extensive factual and legal research, and drafting the Oversight Board's omnibus reply in support of the Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures Motion requesting the Title III Court approve the revised disclosure statement, confirmation schedule, and solicitation schedule and procedures;
- Analyzing issues raised by AAFAF, Ambac and FGIC, the DRA Parties, the UCC, and an individual bondholder in their objections to the proposed confirmation procedures and drafting the Oversight Board's omnibus reply in support of the Confirmation Procedures Motion requesting the Title III Court approve the revised schedule and procedures for confirmation objections and confirmation related discovery; at the Title III Court's direction, drafting second amended and third amended confirmation procedures orders, and responding to related confirmation procedures objections and requests for procedure and voting deadline modifications by Ambac, the DRA Parties, the Retiree Committee, the UCC, and an individual bondholder;
- Reviewing and analyzing multiple objections related to the amended plan of
  adjustment, conducting factual and legal research on issues raised therein, conferring
  with the Oversight Board and its other advisors and experts, and negotiating with
  counsel to the committees, bondholders, Monolines, individual creditors, and other
  parties-in-interest to promptly and consensually resolve plan related issues, and
  drafting proposed trust agreements and schedules of executory contracts to be
  assumed upon confirmation of the plan of adjustment;

- Participating in conferences with the Mediation Team and analyzing Mediation
  Team proposals, reviewing and analyzing the Monolines', UCC's, and DRA Parties'
  mediation presentations, analyses, and proposals, discussing them with the
  Oversight Board's advisors and experts in preparation for the mediation sessions,
  preparing the Oversight Board's responses and counter-proposals, and participating
  in multiple mediation sessions with the Monolines, UCC, DRA Parties, and other
  Oversight Board advisors, and in post-mediation discussions with the Oversight
  Board and its advisors;
- Conducting research and analysis, developing strategy for disclosure statement and plan of adjustment confirmation hearings, preparing for and participating in the disclosure statement hearings, and listening to the various portions of the hearings to assist those participating in the hearings in preparing the rebuttal arguments at the hearings and to promptly draft further revisions and amendments to the proposed disclosure statement, solicitation and confirmation procedures, and amended plan of adjustment accurately reflecting the Title III Court's comments and directions at the hearings;
- Reviewing and analyzing motions to compel disclosure schedule discovery filed by Ambac, FGIC, and the UCC, and drafting a related opposition, reviewing and analyzing confirmation discovery requests by various parties, preparing for and participating in meet and confer sessions and negotiations to resolve confirmation discovery disputes, drafting the Oversight Board's objections and responses to the confirmation discovery and the Oversight Board's discovery requests, and reviewing and analyzing documents to be produced in response to the confirmation related discovery requests;
- Drafting and revising solicitation materials, notices, and ballots for various classes
  of creditors, conferring with Prime Clerk LLC regarding proposed solicitation
  materials, procedures, and schedule, daily tracking of the progress of voting,
  reviewing Prime Clerk's voting reports, and addressing solicitation issues with
  Prime Clerk and the Retiree Committee;
- Conducting extensive factual and legal research, conferring with the Oversight Board and its other advisors and experts, and drafting the Oversight Board's memorandum in support of the proposed amended plan of adjustment and proposed Title III Court order confirming the modified amended plan of adjustment;
- Analyzing the Commonwealth's current financials and the best interest analyses, analyzing materials on macroeconomic issues for the plan of adjustment and related reports by the Oversight Board's consultants, drafting related memoranda to the Oversight Board, preparing for and participating in weekly discussions with the Board's advisors concerning cash restrictions, best interests analyses, and the progress of implementation of fiscal measures and structural reforms outlined in the Commonwealth fiscal plans;
- Conferring with and collaborating with the Oversight Board's experts and advisors
  on drafting and updating exhibits to the amended plan of adjustment and witness
  declarations in support of the plan confirmation, witness disclosures, expert reports,

and demonstrative exhibits for the hearings on disclosure statement approval and plan of adjustment confirmation, and on analyzing witness disclosures and expert reports by opposing parties and preparing the Oversight Board's rebuttals;

- In preparation for the confirmation hearing, conducting research and analysis and
  drafting the Oversight Board's motion in limine concerning submission of evidence
  regarding whether the proposed plan of adjustment was consistent with the certified
  fiscal plan, and omnibus reply in support, drafting the Oversight Board's motions in
  limine requesting the Title III Court to exclude the testimony of two of the DRA
  Parties' experts, and drafting the Oversight Board's opposition to the DRA Parties'
  motions in limine to exclude testimony of certain of the Board's factual and expert
  witnesses;
- Collecting, reviewing, and posting relevant data to the confirmation data repository in response to creditors' confirmation discovery requests and daily providing safe and secure access to the documents and technical assistance to repository users in English and Spanish languages;
- Daily monitoring of litigation and legislative developments, drafting summaries and updates to the disclosure statement reflecting the current status of litigation, legislative efforts, tax issues, and modifications to the Debtors' pension and benefits obligations, and preparing related exhibits to the disclosure statement; and
- Drafting status reports to the Title III Court on the plan of adjustment process and developments in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant economic challenges.

#### (m) Confirmation (Project Category 216)

(Fees: \$2,867,380.70; Hours: 3,363.50)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$12,027.30; Hours: 14.10)

(Aggregate Fees: \$2,879,408.00; Aggregate Hours: 3,377.60)

53. This Project Category includes time spent relating to plan confirmation.

#### Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:

- Researching and analyzing a variety of legal and procedural issues in preparation for confirmation of the Debtors' plan of adjustment, including plan confirmation requirements and confirmation hearing procedures, claims classification and voting requirements, and rules of evidence and privilege issues as applied to presenting materials and testimony in support of confirmation of the plan;
- Conducting research and analysis and conferring with the Oversight Board's other
  advisors regarding objections by various parties to the proposed confirmation
  schedule and procedures, the Title III Court's orders and oral directions regarding
  the proposed confirmation schedule and procedures, and the Oversight Board's
  strategy for the response to the objections and acceptable modifications to the
  confirmation schedule and procedures;

- Discussing and analyzing challenges to plan confirmation by various parties, including analysis of multiple certified fiscal plans, analysis of materials related to macroeconomic indicators for Puerto Rico, status of plan related negotiations and settlements with creditors, and preparing related memoranda and presentations for the Oversight Board and its other advisors;
- Conferring and collaborating with the Oversight Board's advisors and consultants
  on selection of fact and expert witnesses to testify at the confirmation hearing,
  compiling relevant information and materials for the experts' review, preparing for
  and participating in fact and expert witness preparation sessions for the upcoming
  confirmation hearing, collaborating on drafting multiple factual and expert witness
  declarations, reports, and disclosures in support of confirmation of the plan, and
  compiling evidentiary materials to be presented in support of confirmation;
- Further developing the confirmation hearing strategy, reviewing multiple pleadings and financial and legal analyses and materials, developing relevant arguments and rebuttals, and otherwise preparing for presenting oral argument in support of plan confirmation; and
- Drafting the proposed Title III Court order confirming the plan and findings of fact and conclusions of law in connection with confirmation of the plan of adjustment.
- (n) <u>Tax (Project Category 217)</u> (Fees: \$112,596.00; Hours: 132.00)
- 54. This Project Category includes time spent on tax matters involving the Debtor. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Reviewing and analyzing a wide variety of tax related issues in connection with further development of the Debtors' plan of adjustment to reflect the outcome of the plan-related negotiations and Court-ordered mediation, including issuance of new bonds and contingent value instruments, and drafting and modifying tax related statements and disclosures in the Debtors' amended plan of adjustment and disclosure statement;
  - Reviewing, analyzing, drafting, and revising tax provisions included in the trust agreements with various creditors and bondholders to be entered into upon confirmation of the plan of adjustment.
  - (o) Employment and Fee Applications (Project Category 218) (Fees: \$66,176.20; Hours: 149.00)
- 55. This Project Category includes time spent on issues related to the compensation of Proskauer, and the retention and compensation of other Oversight Board professionals, including the preparation of interim fee applications. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals spent time:

- Drafting Proskauer's Eleventh and Twelfth interim fee applications; and
- Reviewing the Fee Examiner's correspondence and reports relating to Proskauer's
  pending interim fee applications and the Fee Examiner's notices of presumptive
  standards for the disclosure statement and plan confirmation hearings, and preparing
  for and participating in conferences with the Fee Examiner on issues relevant to the
  same.

### (p) Appeal (Project Category 219)

(Fees: \$34,973.00; Hours: 41.00)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$11,942.00; Hours: 14.00)

(Aggregate Fees: \$46,915.00; Aggregate Hours: 55.00)

56. This Project Category includes time spent preparing appeals and participating in appellate proceedings on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time preparing for and participating in Proskauer appellate team meetings analyzing and further developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy across multiple appellate cases.

### II. Matter No. 33260.0034 (Commonwealth Title III – Healthcare)

57. This matter number covers time spent working on the *Motion of Atlantic Medical Center, Inc., Camuy Health Services, Inc., Centro de Salud Familiar Dr. Julio Palmieri Ferri, Inc., Ciales Primary Health Care Services, Inc., Corp. de Serv. Médicos Primarios y Prevención de Hatillo, Inc., Costa Salud, Inc., Centro de Salud de Lares, Inc., Centro de Servicios Primarios de Salud de Patillas, Inc., and Hospital General Castañer, Inc. Seeking (I) Enforcement of the Court's Prior Order and (II) Relief From The Automatic Stay [ECF No. 12918] (the "Health Centers' Lift Stay Motion") and on proofs of claim filed by various Federally Qualified Health Centers ("FQHCs").* 

# (a) <u>Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210)</u> (Fees: \$14,245.10; Hours: 16.70)

58. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto,

including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing correspondence and proposals related to the treatment of the FQCH claims in the amended plan of adjustment and drafting and revising the related term sheet.

#### III. Matter No. 33260.0039 (Commonwealth Title III – Rule 2004)

59. This matter number covers time spent working on Rule 2004 motions filed in the Debtor's Title III Case and any appeals related thereto, including *Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Assets* [ECF No. 9022], *Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Cash Restriction Analysis* [ECF No. 9023], *Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for an Order Directing Cash Rule 2004 Discovery from the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico* [ECF No. 15220], and *Ambac Assurance Corporation's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing Discovery Under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 Concerning Commonwealth Assets* [ECF No. 15802].

# (a) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$50,497.60; Hours: 59.20)

60. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Among other things, Proskauer attorneys spent time on legal analysis and strategic discussions relating to Ambac's Rule 2004 requests to the Oversight

Board and to the Commonwealth's actuary, Milliman, Inc., Ambac's related status report to the Title III Court, and the Oversight Board's strategy for responding thereto.

#### IV. Matter No. 33260.0041 (Commonwealth Title III – Miscellaneous)

- 61. This matter number covers time spent working on miscellaneous motions and adversary proceedings not covered by another Project Category, and any appeals related thereto. In this Compensation Period, items billed to this matter included, among other things, work on (i) *Motion for Class Counsel Attorney's Fees* (the "García Rubiera Attorney's Fee Motion") [ECF No. 17523]; (ii) *UECFSE v. Commonwealth*, Case No. 19-2243 (1st Cir.) (the "<u>UECFSE and UMCFSE First Circuit Appeal</u>"); (iii) *UECFSE v. Commonwealth*, Case No. 20-1466 (U.S.) and *UECFSE v. Commonwealth*, Case No. 21-718 (U.S.) (the "<u>UECFSE and UMCFSE Supreme Court Appeals</u>"); (iv) *United States v. Vaello-Madero*, Case No. 20-303 (U.S.) (the "<u>Vaello-Madero Appeal</u>"); (v) *Pinto Lugo v. Government of the United States of America*, No. 21-1283 (1st Cir.) (the "<u>Pinto Lugo Appeal</u>"); (vi) *Johnson v. FOMB*, No. 21-1611 (1st Cir.) (the "<u>Obe Johnson Appeal</u>"); and (vii) *Hernández Montañez v. FOMB*, No. 21-1581 (1st Cir.) (the "<u>Hernández Montañez Appeal</u>").
  - (a) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$34,290.60; Hours: 40.20)
- 62. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's opposition to the García Rubiera Attorney's Fee Motion seeking payment of fees and expenses for prosecuting the García Rubiera certified class's motion to lift automatic stay.
  - (b) Stay Matters (Project Category 208) (Fees: \$9,809.50; Hours: 11.50)
- 63. This Project Category includes time spent analyzing and researching stay issues in the Debtor's Title III Case and drafting various pleadings related to stay issues. Specifically,

Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing newly filed requests to lift the automatic stay involving the Commonwealth and drafting related objections.

(c) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$9,894.80; Hours: 11.60)

64. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category.

(d) General Administration (Project Category 212) (Fees: \$4,597.80; Hours: 15.80)

65. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team, the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

(e) <u>Appeal (Project Category 219)</u> (Fees: \$321,666.30; Hours: 377.10)

66. This Project Category includes time spent preparing appeals and participating in appellate proceedings on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:

- Reviewing and analyzing the petition for rehearing en banc filed by UECFSE and UMCFSE in the UECFSE and UMCFSE First Circuit Appeal, and the First Circuit order denying the petition;
- Reviewing and analyzing two petitions for a writ of certiorari filed by the UECFSE
  and UMCFSE appealing the First Circuit judgment affirming the Title III Court's
  dismissal of their complaint for failure to state a claim and for lack of standing,

- developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy, and drafting the Oversight Board's opposition briefs in the UECFSE and UMCFSE Supreme Court Appeals.
- At the Oversight Board's request, reviewing and analyzing the petition for a writ of certiorari and related materials in the Vaello-Madero Appeal and evaluating the potential for submission of an amicus brief on behalf of the Oversight Board;
- Reviewing and analyzing the opening brief in the Pinto Lugo Appeal of the Title III
  Court's opinion dismissing the underlying adversary complaint for lack of Article
  III standing and deeming futile a request to re-plead, conducting legal research,
  developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy, and drafting the answering
  brief;
- Reviewing and analyzing the notice of appeal in the Obe Johnson Appeal of the Title
  III court orders denying the appellant's multiple motions for relief from the
  automatic stay, and the appellant's two motions to the First Circuit to lift the
  automatic stay and his motion for permission to appeal in forma pauperis,
  conducting legal research, developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy, and
  drafting the Oversight Board's opposition to the appellant's motions; and
- Reviewing and analyzing the notice of appeal in the Hernández Montañez Appeal of the Title III Court order dismissing the underlying adversary complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, analyzing the appellants' related motion to dismiss all initial plaintiffs with exception of the Speaker of the House, conducting legal research, and developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy.

#### V. Matter No. 33260.0061 (Commonwealth Title III – Fiscal Plan/Budget Litigation)

67. This matter number covers time spent related to challenges by the Commonwealth Government to fiscal plans and budgets certified by the Oversight Board, including *Rossello Nevares/Vásquez Garced v. FOMB*, Adv. Proc. No. 18-0080, and any appeals related thereto.

## (a) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$8,530.00; Hours: 10.00)

68. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

analyzing the status of the matter, conferring with counsel for the Governor, and drafting a stipulation of dismissal of the Rossello Nevares/Vásquez Garced adversary proceeding.

#### VI. Matter No. 33260.0077 (Commonwealth – Cooperativas v. COSSEC)

69. This matter number covers time spent relating to the declaratory judgment action by the Commonwealth cooperativas challenging COSSEC's fiscal plans, *Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito Abraham Rosa v. Public Corporation for the Supervision & Insurance of Cooperatives of Puerto Rico (COSSEC)*, Adv. Proc. No. 19-0389 (the "COSSEC Adversary Proceeding"), and any appeals related thereto.

(a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u> (Fees: <u>\$14,756.90</u>; Hours: <u>17.30</u>)

70. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal research for the Oversight Board's reply in support of its motion to dismiss the cooperativas' first amended complaint.

(b) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$67,642.90; Hours: 79.30)

71. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal research and factual analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's reply in support of its motion to dismiss the cooperativas' first amended complaint and the Oversight Board's response to the plaintiffs' motion submitting supplemental information in opposition to the motion to dismiss.

(c) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$13,733.30; Hours: 16.10)

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72. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and

brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto,

including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work

streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with

an issue covered by another Project Category.

(d) General Administration (Project Category 212)

(Fees: \$5,587.20; Hours: 19.20)

73. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's

Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of

documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and

organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team,

the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

VII. Matter No. 33260.0089 (Commonwealth – Action Objecting to Proofs of Claim filed by

**PRIFA Bondholders**)

74. This matter number covers time spent relating to the action by the Oversight Board

challenging the proofs of claim filed against the Commonwealth and other lien claims asserted by

the defendants as holders and/or insurers of certain bonds issued by PRIFA, FOMB v. Ambac

Assurance Corp., Adv. Proc. No. 20-0003 (the "PRIFA Rum Tax Bonds Adversary Proceeding"),

and any appeals related thereto.

(a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u>

(Fees: <u>\$31,816.90</u>; Hours: <u>37.30</u>)

75. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as

well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent

not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

conducting legal research and evaluating the basis for supplemental briefing regarding summary

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judgement motion to dispose of the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint that were stayed by the Title III Court's revenue bonds final case management order.<sup>24</sup>

(b) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$29,769.70; Hours: 34.90)

76. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's proposed supplemental briefing regarding the motion for summary judgment to dispose of the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint that were stayed by the Title III Court's revenue bonds final case management order.

(c) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$155,246.00; Hours: 182.00)

77. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing document production by other parties and developing the litigation strategy for the Oversight Board's proposed supplemental briefing for summary judgment on the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint.

# VIII. <u>Matter No. 33260.0090 (Commonwealth – Action Objecting to Proofs of Claim filed by CCDA Bondholders)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See Final Case Management Order for Revenue Bonds [ECF. No. 12186].

78. This matter number covers time spent relating to the action by the Oversight Board challenging the proofs of claim filed against the Commonwealth and other lien claims asserted by the defendants as holders and/or insurers of certain bonds issued by CCDA, *FOMB v. Ambac Assurance Corp.*, Adv. Proc. No. 20-0004 (the "CCDA Bonds Adversary Proceeding"), and any appeals related thereto.

(a) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$49,132.80; Hours: 57.60)

79. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing document production by other parties, conferring with counsel for AAFAF regarding proposed next steps in discovery, and developing the litigation strategy for the Oversight Board's proposed supplemental motion for summary judgment on the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint.

## IX. <u>Matter No. 33260.0093 (Commonwealth – HTA Revenue Bond Complaint)</u>

80. This matter number covers time spent relating to the action by the Oversight Board challenging the proofs of claims filed against Commonwealth and other lien claims asserted by the defendants as insurers and/or holders of certain bonds issued by HTA, *FOMB v. Ambac Assurance Corp.*, Adv. Proc. No. 20-0005 (the "HTA-Commonwealth Bonds Adversary Proceeding"), and any appeals related thereto.

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(a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u>

(Fees: \$71,225.50; Hours: 83.50)

81. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal research and evaluating the basis for supplemental briefing regarding a summary judgement motion to dispose of the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint that were stayed by the Title III Court's Revenue Bonds Case Management Order, specifically, PROMESA's preemption of territorial and municipal laws and treatment of the bondholders' claims predicated on the Takings Clause and Due Process Clause.

(b) Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)

(Fees: <u>\$150,639.80;</u> Hours: <u>176.60</u>)

82. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's motion for relief from stay to prosecute further motions for summary judgment, reply in support of the motion, and related motion for summary judgment on the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint that were stayed by the Title III Court's revenue bonds case management order.

(c) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210)

(Fees: <u>\$325,163.60</u>; Hours: <u>381.20</u>)

83. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

reviewing and analyzing document production by other parties, conferring with the Oversight Board's other advisors regarding proposed next steps in discovery, and developing the litigation strategy for the Oversight Board's proposed supplemental motion for summary judgment on the remaining claims in the plaintiffs' complaint.

(d) General Administration (Project Category 212) (Fees: \$6,984.00; Hours: 24.00)

84. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team, the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

# X. <u>Matter No. 33260.0094 (Commonwealth – Challenges Regarding Certain Laws and Orders)</u>

- 85. This matter number covers time spent relating to the actions by the Governor of Puerto Rico and AAFAF seeking declaratory and injunctive relief and challenging the Oversight Board's efforts to nullify certain executive orders and laws passed by the Puerto Rico Legislature deemed inconsistent with PROMESA, or challenging fiscal plans certified by the Oversight Board, including *Vásquez Garced v. FOMB*, Adv. Proc. Nos. 20–0080 and 20–0082 through 20–0085, and the related appeal, *Pierluisi v. FOMB*, Case No. 21-1071 (1st Cir.).
  - (a) Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants (Project Category 201)
    (Fees: \$11,089.00; Hours: 13.00)
- 86. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Oversight Board and its other advisors, agents, and consultants, as well as preparing for and advising on fiscal plans, public meetings, litigation, and related issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time advising the Oversight Board in its communications and negotiations with the Puerto Rico Transportation

and Other Public Services Bureau ("NTSP"), AAFAF, the Governor, and the Puerto Rico Trucking Association to avert the truckers' threat of a strike in support of the temporary rate increases implemented by NTSP against the direction of the Oversight Board, and discussing the Oversight Board's review of the proposed revised NTSP regulations and related economic analysis.

(b) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$88,285.50; Hours: 103.50)

87. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the litigation regarding Puerto Rico legislation and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time evaluating background facts concerning the truckers' threat of a strike, reviewing and analyzing the proposed revised NTSP regulations and the Puerto Rico Governor's agreement with the striking truckers, and further developing the Oversight Board's strategy concerning the revised NTSP regulations and the Board's authority to oversee on-island overland freight.

(c) <u>General Administration (Project Category 212)</u> (Fees: \$5,674.50; Hours: 19.50)

88. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team, the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

(d) <u>Appeal (Project Category 219)</u> (Fees: \$666,704.80; Hours: 781.60)

- 89. This Project Category includes time spent preparing appeals and participating in appellate proceedings on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Reviewing and analyzing the Puerto Rico Government's opening brief appealing the Title III Court's decision enjoining the Government from implementing and enforcing Acts 82, 138, 176, and 47, analyzing the related amicus curiae brief in support of the appeal by the Speaker of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives, conducting legal research, analyzing the underlying Title III Court pleadings, conferring with the Oversight Board's other advisors, developing the Oversight Board's appellate strategy, and drafting the Oversight Board's answering brief;
  - Reviewing and analyzing the Government's reply brief and drafting a sur-reply in support of the Oversight Board's position; and
  - Developing oral argument strategy, preparing for oral argument, and participating in oral argument in the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

### XI. Matter No. 33260.0100 (Commonwealth – Challenge to Pension Laws)

- 90. This matter number covers time spent relating to Oversight Board's efforts to nullify and prevent implementation of Act 7, originally HB 120, and to prevent the enactment of the related proposed HB 886, HB 887, HB 26, and HB 27 (collectively, the "Pension Laws") inconsistent with the certified Commonwealth fiscal plans and in violation of PROMESA, including *FOMB v. Pierluisi Urrutia*, Adv. Proc. No. 21-0072.
  - (a) Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants (Project Category 201)
    (Fees: \$10,491.90; Hours: 12.30)
- 91. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Oversight Board and its other representatives, agents, and consultants, as well as preparing for and advising on public meetings, litigation, and related issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time communicating with the Oversight Board and its other advisors and experts regarding analysis of the financial impact of HB 120, enacted as Act 7, on the retirement program for Commonwealth

employees, advising the Oversight Board on its communications with the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature concerning Act 7, HB 886, and HB 887, and related press releases and media communications.

- (b) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u> (Fees: \$13,989.20; Hours: 16.40)
- 92. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time researching and analyzing a variety of legal issues in connection with the Oversight Board's filing of a complaint seeking injunctive relief related to Act 7, related motion for summary judgment, and the Service Employees International Union's ("SEIU") intent to intervene in the Act 7 litigation.
  - (c) Communications with the Commonwealth, its Instrumentalities, or Representatives of the Commonwealth or its Instrumentalities (Project Category 205)
    (Fees: \$33,437.60; Hours: 39.20)
- 93. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Debtor's representatives in various Title III related matters, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Communicating with counsel to AAFAF and representatives of the Governor concerning the Oversight Board's challenge to HB 120, and advising the Board on drafting letters to AAFAF and the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature concerning Act 7, its implementation in violation of PROMESA, and section 204(a) certification of the Act by AAFAF;
  - Communicating with the Oversight Board's other advisors regarding analysis of House Bills related to the pension reform proposed by the Puerto Rico Legislature, HB 26, HB 27, HB 86 and HB 887, and regarding the Oversight Board's strategy concerning the proposed Pension Laws; and
  - Communicating with counsel to AAFAF and representatives of the Governor and Legislature regarding litigation concerning Act 7.
  - (d) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$851,294.00; Hours: 998.00)

- 94. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time:
  - Conducting legal and factual research and analysis, conferring with the Oversight Board and its other advisors, developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy, and drafting the Oversight Board's complaint requesting injunctive relief related to Act 7, related motion for summary judgment, and reply in support;
  - Conducting legal research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's limited response to SEIU's request for intervention in the Act 7 related litigation and related sur-reply; and
  - Reviewing the Governor's and AAFAF's motion to stay proceedings, evaluating background facts and conducting legal research, and drafting the Oversight Board's opposition to stay of the Act 7 litigation.
  - (e) Non-Board Court Filings (Project Category 207) (Fees: \$42,052.90; Hours: 49.30)
- 95. This Project Category includes time spent reviewing and commenting on proposed Court orders and filings made by other parties in the Debtor's Title III Case, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing answers to the Oversight Board's complaint for declaratory judgment, responses to the Oversight Board's motion for summary judgement filed by various parties, various requests for intervention, the Governor's and AAFAF's motion to stay the Act 7 litigation, and related Title III Court orders.
  - (f) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$215,041.30; Hours: 252.10)
- 96. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Among other things, Proskauer attorneys spent time

on legal analysis and strategic discussions relating to: (i) the implementation and nullification of Act 7 and the Oversight Board's litigation strategy and Court orders in relation thereto; (ii) the economic impact of Act 7 and proposed HB 26, HB 27, HB 886 and HB 887; (iii) correspondence with the Commonwealth regarding Act 7; and (iv) the Oversight Board's litigation strategy relating to the Pension Laws.

(g) General Administration (Project Category 212)

(Fees: \$33,232.20; Hours: 114.20)

the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

97. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team,

XII. <u>Matter No. 33260.0104 (Commonwealth – Section 204 Correspondence and Related Matters)</u>

98. This matter number covers time spent relating to Oversight Board's efforts to ensure the Puerto Rico Government entities' and municipalities' compliance with their respective certified fiscal plans and budgets and with related reporting requirements under PROMESA section 204.

(a) <u>Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants</u> (Project Category 201)

(Fees: \$34,973.00; Hours: 41.00)

99. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Oversight Board and its other representatives, agents, and consultants, as well as preparing for and advising on fiscal plans, public meetings, litigation, and related issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time preparing for and participating in communications and weekly calls with the Oversight Board and its other advisors analyzing various Puerto Rico legislative initiatives and the status of the related

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litigation proceedings, discussing issues of non-compliance of various Government entities, and

advising on related communications between the Oversight Board, AAFAF, and the Government.

(b) <u>Communications with the Commonwealth, its Instrumentalities, or Representatives of</u>

the Commonwealth or its Instrumentalities (Project Category 205)

(Fees: <u>\$77,623.00;</u> Hours: <u>91.00</u>)

100. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Debtor's

representatives in various Title III related matters, to the extent not expressly covered by another

Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing, analyzing, and advising

the Oversight Board on its numerous communications with the Puerto Rico Government and

AAFAF concerning Puerto Rico legislative initiatives and the implementation of already enacted

laws in violation of the certified Commonwealth fiscal plans and PROMESA, on the Oversight

Board's communications with Municipal Revenue Collection Center ("CRIM") and AmeriNational

Community Services, LLC, servicer to the DRA regarding payment of CRIM's outstanding loan

obligations, and on the Board's communications with the National League of Cities regarding

municipal funding issues.

(c) Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)

(Fees: \$38,299.70; Hours: 44.90)

101. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf

of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically,

Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal and factual research and analysis, conferring with

the Oversight Board and its other advisors, developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy,

and drafting the Oversight Board's proposed complaints relating to the implementation by the

Puerto Rico Government of certain enacted laws in violation of the certified Commonwealth fiscal

plans and PROMESA.

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(d) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210)

(Fees: \$874,325.00; Hours: 1,025.00)

102. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing numerous communications between the Oversight Board and the Puerto Rico Government and its agencies, municipalities and legislature, participating in related conferences with the Oversight Board and its other advisors, and developing the Oversight Board's

conferences with the Oversight Board and its other advisors, and developing the Oversight Board's

strategy for potential litigation related to the violation of the certified Commonwealth fiscal plans

and PROMESA by the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature.

(e) General Administration (Project Category 212)

(Fees: \$11,087.10; Hours: 38.10)

103. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's

Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of

documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and

organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team,

the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

(f) <u>Labor, Pension Matters (Project Category 213)</u>

(Fees: \$13,136.20; Hours: 15.40)

104. This Project Category includes time spent addressing the Debtor's employee and

retiree benefits issues. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing Senate

Bill 450, which violated the Commonwealth and PREPA fiscal plans and PROMESA, conferring

with the Oversight Board, and advising the Oversight Board on its communications to the Puerto

Rico Government and Legislature urging them to veto the bill and to refrain from its enactment and implementation.

# XIII. Matter No. 33260.0107 (Commonwealth – La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico)

105. This matter number covers time spent relating to the complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief filed by the not-for-profit organization of Puerto Rico Mayors from various municipalities (La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico or "La Liga") requesting that the Title III Court enter an order prohibiting collection of funds from the municipalities for the time period allegedly exempted by Law 29, enjoining the Board from interfering with fiduciary duties owed by AAFAF and CRIM to the municipalities, and declaring nonexistent the municipalities' debts to CRIM, Administración de Seguros de Salud de Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Retirement System, *La Liga de Ciudades de Puerto Rico v. FOMB.*, Adv. Proc. No. 21-0026 (the "La Liga Adversary Proceeding"), and any appeals related thereto.

# (a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u> (Fees: \$10,849.10; Hours: 14.30)

106. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal research on nullification, organizational standing, and tortuous interference issues for the Oversight Board's reply in support of its motion to dismiss the La Liga Adversary Proceeding.

# (b) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$86,664.80; Hours: 101.60)

107. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically,

Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's reply in support of its motion to dismiss the La Liga Adversary Proceeding.

# XIV. <u>Matter No. 33260.0108 (Commonwealth – Act 167)</u>

108. This matter number covers time spent relating to the Puerto Rico Government and Legislature's actions to obtain funding for Act 167, and the related declaratory judgment complaint by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *Hernández Montañez v. Pierluisi-Urrutia*, Adv. Proc. No. 21-0042, and any appeals related thereto.

(a) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$15,951.10; Hours: 18.70)

109. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research and analysis and drafting the Oversight Board's motion to dismiss the House Speaker's complaint and certificate of no objection by the House Speaker to the motion to dismiss.

# XV. Matter No. 33260.0114 (Commonwealth – R&D Master Enterprises v. FOMB)

110. This matter number covers time spent relating to the complaint in the District Court of Puerto Rico for declaratory and injunctive relief filed by three Puerto Rico private corporations and two private citizens for entry of an order requiring the Oversight Board to evaluate the loan sale agreement under which their loans had been transferred from BDE to a private entity PR Recovery and Development JV, LLC ("R&D"), R&D Master Enterprises v. FOMB., No. 21-cv-1317 (D.P.R. 2021) (the "R&D Master Enterprises Action"), and any appeals related thereto.

# (a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u> (Fees: \$20,386.70; Hours: 23.90)

111. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent

not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time researching and analyzing issues related to subject-matter jurisdiction for the Oversight Board's motion to transfer the case to the Title III Court and issues of standing and constitutional justiciability for its motion to dismiss.

(b) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u> (Fees: \$163,946.60; Hours: 192.20)

112. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal and factual research and analysis, conferring with the Oversight Board and its other advisors, developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy, and drafting the Oversight Board's motion to transfer the case to the Title III Court, its motion to dismiss the R&D Master Enterprises Action due to the plaintiffs' lack of standing, the claim being time-barred, and for failure to state a viable claim for relief, and its reply in support of motion to dismiss.

(c) Non-Board Court Filings (Project Category 207) (Fees: \$8,530.00; Hours: 10.00)

113. This Project Category includes time spent reviewing and commenting on proposed Court orders and filings made by other parties in the case, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time reviewing and analyzing the R&D Master Enterprises complaint and plaintiffs' opposition to the Oversight Board's motion to transfer the case to the Title III Court.

(d) Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210) (Fees: \$57,236.30; Hours: 67.10)

114. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto,

including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with

an issue covered by another Project Category.

(e) General Administration (Project Category 212)

(Fees: \$5,674.50; Hours: 19.50)

115. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's

Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of

documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and

organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team,

the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

XVI. Matter No. 33260.0115 (Commonwealth – DRA/Ambac Adversary Proceeding)

116. This matter number covers time spent relating to the complaint for declaratory and

injunctive relief filed by DRA Parties in connection with the bonds that the DRA had issued

pursuant to the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico Debt Restructuring Act, Act No.

109-2017, AmeriNational Community Services, LLC v. Ambac Assurance Corporation, Adv. Proc.

No. 21-0068 (the "DRA Adversary Proceeding"), and any appeals related thereto.

(a) <u>Legal Research (Project Category 202)</u>

(Fees: <u>\$84,105.80</u>; Hours: <u>98.60</u>)

117. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues, as

well as drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs related to such research and analysis, to the extent

not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

researching and analyzing a wide variety of legal issues related to the DRA liens and payment

subordination, the impact of the DRA Parties' claims on the Debtors' proposed plan of adjustment,

Article III standing and justiciability, and PROMESA preemption of the Puerto Rico excise tax

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statutes, for the Oversight Board's motion to intervene in the DRA Adversary Proceeding and for

its motion to dismiss.

(b) <u>Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)</u>

(Fees: \$743,218.90; Hours: 871.30)

118. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf

of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically,

Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting legal and factual research and analysis, conferring with

the Oversight Board and its other advisors, developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy,

and drafting the relevant portions of the joint status report to the Title III Court stating the

Government Parties' intent to intervene in the DRA Adversary Proceeding, drafting the Oversight

Board's urgent motion to intervene in the DRA Adversary Proceeding on behalf of the

Commonwealth and HTA with full party rights, and its motion to dismiss the DRA Adversary

Proceeding or, in the alternative, to stay certain counts of the DRA Parties' complaint and reply in

support.

(c) Non-Board Court Filings (Project Category 207)

(Fees: <u>\$15,354.00;</u> Hours: <u>18.00</u>)

119. This Project Category includes time spent reviewing and commenting on proposed

Court orders and filings made by other parties in the Debtor's Title III Case, to the extent not

expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time

reviewing and analyzing the DRA Parties' complaint filed against the Monolines, the DRA Parties'

opposition to the Oversight Board's urgent motion to intervene in the proceeding and the Title III

Court order granting the motion to intervene, reviewing multiple pleadings filed by the Monoline

defendants, various pleadings filed by the DRA Parties in other litigation, and the DRA Parties'

combined opposition to the motions to dismiss filed by the Monoline defendants and the Oversight

Board.

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(d) <u>Analysis and Strategy (Project Category 210)</u> (Fees: \$317,998.40; Hours: 372.80)

120. This Project Category includes time spent related to legal analysis on, and brainstorming strategic approaches to, the Debtor's Title III Case and varied issues relating thereto, including engaging in meetings to discuss strategic case considerations, the status of various work streams and next steps, and all Proskauer internal meetings, except those specifically dealing with an issue covered by another Project Category. Among other things, Proskauer attorneys spent time on legal analysis and strategic discussions relating to developing the Oversight Board's litigation strategy for intervention in and dismissal of the DRA Adversary Proceeding.

(e) <u>General Administration (Project Category 212)</u> (Fees: \$16,470.60; Hours: 56.60)

121. This Project Category includes time spent on general administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, including (a) case status and coordination activities; (b) tasks relating to the filing of documents in court, including affidavits of service and service mailings; and (c) internal filing and organization of case documents to ensure easy, fast and free accessibility by the Proskauer team, the Debtor, and other parties in interest.

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122. The foregoing professional services performed by Proskauer on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period were reasonable, necessary, appropriate, and beneficial when rendered, facilitated the effective administration of the Debtor's Title III Case, and were in the best interests of the Oversight Board and the Debtor's creditors, residents, and other stakeholders. Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and time-sensitive nature of the problems, issues, and tasks involved. The professional services were performed with expedition and in an efficient manner.

123. In accordance with the factors enumerated in the Bankruptcy Code, the amount of fees requested is fair and reasonable given: (a) the complexity of the Debtor's Title III Case; (b) the time expended; (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered; (d) the value of such services; (e) Proskauer's established expertise in the bankruptcy field; and (f) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

## **Actual and Necessary Expenses of Proskauer**

- 124. Pursuant to the Guidelines, <u>Schedule 4</u> is Proskauer's summary of actual and necessary expenses incurred on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period.
- 125. In accordance with paragraph C.13 of the Appendix B Guidelines and as more fully itemized in Schedule 4, Proskauer seeks reimbursement for its necessary and reasonable expenses, including: (a) reproduction, (b) online research, (c) delivery services and couriers, (d) conference services, (e) transcription and translation services, (f) litigation support, (g) court fees, and (h) professional services. All expense entries detailed in Exhibit B comply with the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, including an itemization of the expenses by category, the date the expense was incurred, and the individual incurring the expense, where available. The reasons for the expenses are self-explanatory. In compliance with Appendix B Guidelines paragraph C.13, the requested expenses are of the kind customarily charged to Proskauer's chapter 11 and non-bankruptcy clients and by other comparable professionals.
- 126. Proskauer generally charges from \$0.10 (black and white) to \$0.30 (color) per page for photocopying expenses. The rates charged by the firm for Westlaw and Lexis computerized research vary according to the type of research conducted and the specific files researched, but, in any event, Proskauer does not profit from the use of computer assisted legal research, as set forth

in <u>Schedule 4</u>. As per the Appendix B Guidelines, Proskauer has not requested reimbursement of expenses related to overhead charges, such as secretarial services and proofreading. The expenditures Proskauer is seeking reimbursement for and which are reflected on <u>Schedule 4</u> are all of the type customarily billed to clients.

127. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer has disbursed \$1,312,554.66 as necessary and reasonable expenses. These charges cover Proskauer's direct operating costs, which costs are not incorporated into the firm's hourly billing rates (because to do so would impose that cost upon clients who do not benefit from extensive photocopying and other facilities and services). Proskauer has made every effort to minimize its expenses in the Debtor's Title III Case. The actual expenses incurred in providing professional services were necessary, reasonable, and justified under the circumstances to effectively serve the needs of the Debtor in its Title III case.

## **Compensation Paid and Its Source**

- 128. All services for which Proskauer seeks compensation, and expenses for which it seeks reimbursement, were performed on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. In connection with the matters covered by this Application, Proskauer received no payment and no promises of payment for services rendered, or to be rendered, from any source other than the Debtor. There is no agreement or understanding between Proskauer and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation received for services rendered in this Title III case.
- 129. PROMESA sections 316 and 317 provide for interim compensation of professionals and govern the Court's award of such compensation. PROMESA section 316 provides that a court may award a professional person employed by the Debtor or the Oversight Board under PROMESA "(1) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the professional person, or

attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and (2) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." PROMESA § 316(a). Section 316 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded . . . the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (1) the time spent on such services;
- (2) the rates charged for such services;
- (3) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this chapter;
- (4) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (5) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (6) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this subchapter or title 11.

#### PROMESA § 316(c).

130. As noted above, the professional services and expenditures for which Proskauer seeks compensation and reimbursement in this Application were necessary and beneficial to the Oversight Board, as representative of the Debtor, and included, among other things, anticipating or responding to the Oversight Board's needs and assisting in the Oversight Board's navigation of the Debtor's very complex Title III case. The compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Oversight Board. The Oversight Board has reviewed and approved this Application.

#### Reservations

131. To the extent time or disbursement charges for services rendered or expenses incurred relate to the Compensation Period but were not processed prior to the preparation of this Application, or Proskauer has for any other reason not yet sought compensation or reimbursement of expenses herein with respect to any services rendered or expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, Proskauer reserves the right to request compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application.

#### Notice

- 132. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order and the *Sixteenth Amended Notice*, *Case Management and Administrative Procedures* [ECF No. 20190-1], notice of this Application has been filed in the Debtor's Title III Case and served upon:
  - (a) the Financial Oversight and Management Board, 40 Washington Square South, Office 314A, New York, NY 10012, Attn: Professor Arthur J. Gonzalez, Oversight Board Member;
  - (b) attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board as representative of The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, O'Neill & Borges LLC, 250 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Suite 800, San Juan, PR 00918, Attn: Hermann D. Bauer, Esq. (hermann.bauer@oneillborges.com);
  - (c) attorneys for the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Times Square Tower, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: John J. Rapisardi, Esq. (jrapisardi@omm.com) and Diana M. Perez, Esq. (dperez@omm.com);
  - (d) attorneys for the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, Marini Pietrantoni Muñiz LLC, MCS Plaza, Suite 500, 255 Ponce de León Ave., San Juan, PR 00917, Attn.: Luis C. Marini-Biaggi, Esq. (lmarini@mpmlawpr.com) and Carolina Velaz-Rivero, Esq. (cvelaz@mpmlawpr.com);
  - (e) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico, Edificio Ochoa, 500 Tanca Street, Suite 301, San Juan, PR 00901 (*In re: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*);

- (f) attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Paul Hastings LLP, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10166, Attn: Luc A. Despins, Esq. (lucdespins@paulhastings.com);
- (g) attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Casillas, Santiago & Torres LLC, El Caribe Office Building, 53 Palmeras Street, Suite 1601, San Juan, PR 00901, Attn: Juan J. Casillas Ayala, Esq. (jcasillas@cstlawpr.com) and Alberto J.E. Añeses Negrón, Esq. (aaneses@cstlawpr.com);
- (h) attorneys for the Official Committee of Retired Employees, Jenner & Block LLP, 919 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022, Attn: Robert Gordon, Esq. (rgordon@jenner.com) and Richard Levin, Esq. (rlevin@jenner.com); and Jenner & Block LLP, 353 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, Attn: Catherine Steege, Esq. (csteege@jenner.com) and Melissa Root, Esq. (mroot@jenner.com);
- (i) attorneys for the Official Committee of Retired Employees, Bennazar, García & Milián, C.S.P., Edificio Union Plaza, PH-A, 416 Ave. Ponce de León, Hato Rey, PR 00918, Attn: A.J. Bennazar- Zequeira, Esq. (ajb@bennazar.org);
- (j) the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury, P.O. Box 9024140, San Juan, PR 00902-4140, Attn: Reylam Guerra Goderich, Deputy Assistant of Central Accounting (Reylam.Guerra@hacienda.pr.gov); Omar E. Rodríguez Pérez, CPA, Assistant Secretary of Central Accounting (Rodriguez.Omar@hacienda.pr.gov); Angel L. Pantoja Rodríguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Internal Revenue and Tax Policy (angel.pantoja@hacienda.pr.gov); Francisco Parés Alicea, Assistant Secretary of Internal Revenue and Tax Policy (francisco.pares@hacienda.pr.gov); and Francisco Peña Montañez, CPA, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Francisco.Pena@hacienda.pr.gov);
- (k) attorneys for the Fee Examiner, EDGE Legal Strategies, PSC, 252 Ponce de León Avenue, Citibank Tower, 12th Floor, San Juan, PR 00918, Attn: Eyck O. Lugo, Esq. (elugo@edgelegalpr.com); and
- (1) attorneys for the Fee Examiner, Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., One East Main Street, Suite 500, Madison, WI 53703, Attn: Katherine Stadler, Esq. (KStadler@gklaw.com).

Proskauer submits that, in light of the foregoing, no other or further notice need be provided.

WHEREFORE Proskauer respectfully requests that the Court issue an order (a) allowing interim compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$20,889,331.30, and allowing reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses Proskauer incurred in connection with such services during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$1,312,554.66; (b) authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay promptly to Proskauer the

difference between (i) the amount of interim compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period allowed hereunder, and (ii) the amounts for such compensation and expenses previously paid to Proskauer, consistent with the provisions of the Interim Compensation Order; (c) allowing such compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred without prejudice to Proskauer's right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this Application or which arise from the accrued incremental fees from increased rates in the Engagement Letter; and (d) granting Proskauer such other and further relief as is just and proper.

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Dated: March 31, 2023 San Juan, Puerto Rico Respectfully submitted,

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